

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
May 3, 2023
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, D. Mayhall, J.D. Wallace, M. Long, D. Kneip, A. Sutherlin, K. Cha, R. Jessup, J. Drachenberg

Absent: T. Womble

Ex-officios: S. Hamm, E. Gumm (L. Merchant and S. Jones were absent)

Guests: S. Macaluso, L. Sharp-Penya, K. Pybus, C. Bennett

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by J. Smith.
3. Approval of the minutes from 4.19.23

With no corrections mentioned, the minutes were considered approved.

Information Items

4. JMC 166 – Change Course Terms
5. JMC 224 – Change Prerequisite from JMC 166 to 165
6. JMC 261 – Change Course Terms
7. JMC 321 – Revise Description
8. JMC 324 – Revise Description
9. JMC 338 – Change Prerequisite & Course Terms
10. JMC 341 – Change Course Terms
11. JMC 342 – Change Prerequisite from JMC 166 to 165
12. JMC 367 – Change Course Terms
13. JMC 389 – Change Prerequisite & Course Terms
14. JMC 390 – Change Prerequisites to JMC 342 & 349
15. JMC 391 – Change Prerequisite to JMC 349
16. JMC 449 – Change Course Terms
17. JMC 492 – Change Course Terms
18. JMC 495 – Revise Prerequisites (Remove JMC 347/348, Add JMC 349)
19. ADPR Minor – Revise Course Selections
20. JOUR Minor – Revise Course Selections
21. IS 222 – Remove BUSA 120 Prerequisite

- 22. ENGL Minor – Remove Course Exceptions
- 23. COMS Minor – Remove COMM 211, Add COMM 120
- 24. COMM 322 – Remove COMM 211 Prerequisite, Add COMM 120
- 25. COMM 343 – Remove COMM 211 Prerequisite, Add COMM 120
- 26. COMM 462 – Remove COMM 211 Prerequisite, Add COMM 120
- 27. COMM 483 – Remove COMM 211 Prerequisite, Add COMM 120
- 28. COMM 486 – Remove COMM 211 Prerequisite, Add COMM 120

Action Items

- 29. JMC 349 – New Course – Principles of Strategic Communication

K. Pybus - The creation of the course is in response to changes in the industry and realities of faculty load. This will allow us to match load with requirements. This is important for the AD/PR students. D. Kneip - Does this course combine the old course material that it is replacing? K. Pybus - It does to some level and better applies principles being utilized in agencies currently. It is more efficient for us to integrate the content into a single class than in the split format we've been using.

Motion to approve by D. Mayhall; seconded by R. Jessup; all in favor; motion passes.

- 30. BIBT 470 – New Course – Christian Ethics

D. Kneip - It is so important for people to be able to reflect ethically in the world today. We have other courses that combine ethics with philosophy or biomedical content, but none that is theological and rooted in scripture. That is the focus of this new course. Our Bible majors, and students in general, really need this content. Our ethics courses are typically very well populated, and this is a place where students can talk about hot-topic issues. R. Jessup - Would apologetics be taught here? D. Kneip - That probably won't be a big part of the class. The content will be more focused on ethical issues though some of the principles are similar. S. Hamm - Is there a trajectory to have ethics as a requirement instead of an elective? D. Kneip - Our visiting committee has recommended that we add this. It may be that over time it might become a requirement. J. Smith - One gap that we might want to address is 22a on the application - we don't know if it will be offered in fall, but it will be offered in spring for sure. Is that correct? D. Kneip - Yes, I think that is accurate. Set it up as spring only and if the need arises we can offer it occasionally in the fall.

Motion to approve by A. Sutherlin; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

- 31. SOCI 460 – Cross-list with new BIBT 460

J. Smith - Ethics in Social Issues is looking to be cross-listed with Bible. S. Macaluso - Vic McCracken has been teaching the SOCI 460 course. It makes sense to have it count as Bible since a Bible faculty member is teaching it and because of the nature of the

content. We did really want the focus to be on social issues for our majors, but believe other students could benefit a lot from the course. D. Kneip - Does it matter to your department that our theologians don't have sociology training? S. Macaluso - It has not been an issue. We don't have a higher accrediting body. There are fewer rules. J. Smith - The SOCI 460 may be on a general education menu, so we might need to look at how that will affect things in the future.

Motion to approve by K. Cha; seconded by A. Sutherlin; all in favor; motion passes.

Proposals to Accept Gen Ed Recommended Changes

- 32. BSN-NURS – Nursing (All Tracks)
- 33. BS-JMM – Multimedia (All Tracks)
- 34. BS-SOCI – Sociology
- 35. BA-ENGL - English
- 36. BS-PHYS-PHYS – Physics

M. Long - Is the pre-nursing only online? K. Witemeyer - There was an error that has been corrected so that both residential and online prefixes will be shown in the catalog. The programs are identical.

Motion to approve items 32-36 by D. Kneip; seconded by J. Wallace; 7 in favor; 1 abstention; motion passes.

Proposals to Revise Beyond Gen Ed Recommended Changes

- 37. BA-JOUR – Journalism – Move JMC 166 to a Menu
- 38. BS-JOUR – Journalism – Move JMC 166 to a Menu
- 39. BS-JAPR – Advertising/Public Relations – Move JMC 166 to a Menu; Remove JMC 347, 348, BUSA 419; Add JMC 349, 367, MKTG 388

Motion to approve items 37-39 by D. Mayhall; seconded by D. Kneip; all in favor; motion passes.

- 40. BA-SPAN – Spanish – Add SPAN 221

J. Smith - This change was to bring the major up to 30 hours. D. Kneip - Can students test out of 221 and 222? J. Smith - Yes.

Motion to approve item by A. Sutherlin; seconded by K. Cha; all in favor; motion passes.

Action Items Added After Initial Agenda

Proposals to Accept Gen Ed Recommended Changes

- 41. BS-BIOT – Biology Teaching (All Tracks)
- 42. BS-CPST – Chemistry Teaching (All Tracks)
- 43. BS-CSMT – Computer Science/Math Teaching
- 44. BA-ENGT – English Teaching
- 45. BA-SPNT – Spanish Teaching

J. Smith - I want to draw your attention to the additional feedback on the ENGT degree plan. The college council brought a lingering question back to the surface. In order to add clarity, we have added an overall literature menu. C. Bennett - There is a need to have our graduates have at least some exposure to British literature. J. Smith - The hours remain the same, we've simply organized it to make the math easier.

Motion to approve items 41-45 by D. Mayhall; seconded by D. Kneip; all in favor; motion passes.

Proposals to Revise Beyond Gen Ed Recommended Changes

- 46. BS-JMCT – JMC Teaching – Move JMC 166 to a Menu

J. Smith - This is the same change that we saw in the earlier proposals.

Motion to approve by A. Sutherlin; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:10 p.m.