

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
October 4, 2023
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: K. Witemeyer, T. Baggs, D. Mayhall, R. Slaymaker, T. Womble, J. Drachenberg, R. Brown

Absent: T. Sensing, J.D. Wallace, R. Jessup

Ex-officios: E. Gumm (J. Smith, J. Wiser, C. Riley, B. Reeves were absent)

Guests: M. Long, C. Barbarick, S. Jones, C. Miertschin

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to order by T. Baggs.
2. Prayer by E. Gumm.
3. Approval of the minutes from 9.20.23

With no corrections mentioned, minutes are considered approved.

Information Item

4. FAM 251 – Revise Title

Action Items

5. BBMN & BMV All Tracks – Add BIBT 470 to Degree Plans

C. Barbarick - BIBT 470 is a new course that we would like to add to our programs. This specifically addresses Christian ethics and will give our students more theological training. All of our majors will be taking this course. R. Slaymaker - Will this be open to other students as well? C. Barbarick - Yes. We might have specific sections for majors only and others open to all students. R. Slaymaker - And how often will it be offered? C. Barbarick - We are hoping to do it every semester. We have the faculty to offer it. T. Womble - So you will remove the hours from the electives? C. Barbarick - That's correct. There is room in all of our degree plans to take away these elective hours. E. Gumm - As long as there are six elective hours in a program, there is no need for special approval. C. Miertschin - I was curious about the 400-level. C. Barbarick - It is a very reading-intensive course. We've found, too, that students looking to take upper-level Bible look more at topic than course number. E. Gumm - Are there any programmatic challenges with the other general ethics course in the menus? C. Barbarick - The two courses are

very different. So I would only expect students who are particularly interested in ethics and philosophy to opt to take both.

Motion to approve by T. Womble; seconded by R. Brown; all in favor; motion passes.

6. BIMM Minor – Add BGRK and BHEB to Upper-Level Selections

C. Barbarick - We would like to add Greek and Hebrew upper-level courses to count toward the minor. Students engage biblical text significantly in these courses. These courses are available already for upper-level Bible requirements. R. Slaymaker - Is there student demand for this? C. Barbarick - Yes, for students who are interested in Greek. It's not a high demand. But we would like to honor the student who is interested in biblical languages. E. Gumm - The minor is only available for non-Bible majors.

Motion to approve by D. Mayhall; seconded by J. Drachenberg; all in favor; motion passes.

7. NS:NUTR – Close three Tracks – NUEX, NUCO, NUFS

M. Long - We would like to close these three tracks. They are older tracks that have been absorbed into the new NGEN track. We don't have students currently enrolled in any of these tracks.

Motion to approve by R. Brown; seconded by T. Womble; all in favor; motion passes.

8. BS:KINE – Add New Track – Coaching (KCOA)

M. Long - We would like to add a Coaching track to the Kinesiology program. There are no new courses needed. We also don't need any new faculty. We are creating an option with courses we already offer to help students find the degree they want instead of falling into the generalist track. We would like to continue offering the coaching minor as well. This would not replace that. T. Baggs - Do you want to speak to the teacher certification side of things? M. Long - We are allowing 3 courses to be taken from the field of Education. This is not a certification program, but this will be a great way to feed graduates to alternative certification opportunities. R. Brown - Is there a rationale for the 14 hours of selections? M. Long - That was a product of absorbing the 2 hours of activity courses that are no longer required for general education. C. Miertschin - Can you coach in Texas without a teaching degree? M. Long - Not in public school, but you can in private school. There is also a big graduate program for Coaching Administration that these students could pursue. R. Slaymaker - Why not just do the generalist and the minor? M. Long - Faculty mentoring is a big part of the major. Also, admissions has been asking for this, so it will help with recruiting. Students looking for coaching often pick athletic training, but that is not what they actually want. They want coaching.

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

Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.