

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
November 15, 2023
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

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

Absent: T. Sensing, J.D. Wallace, J. Drachenberg

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

Guests: R. Morgan, M. Long, C. Miertschin, S. Jones, J. Golden, J. Huddleston

The meeting began at 3:33 p.m.

1. Call to order by T. Baggs.
2. Prayer by R. Brown.
3. Approval of the minutes from 11.1.23

With no corrections mentioned, minutes are considered approved.

Information Items

4. CHEM 131 – Change Course Terms
5. CHEM 133 – Change Course Terms
6. CHEM 221, 223, 322, 324 – Change Course Terms
7. CHEM 483 – Change Prerequisite
8. BIOL 203 – Change Title and Description
9. BIOL 345/ENVR 345 – Change Course Terms and Prerequisite
10. BIOL 346/ENVR 346 – Change Course Terms and Prerequisite

Action Items

11. MKTG 388 – New Course – Digital Marketing

J. Golden - We have offered this course several times as a special topics course. With the changes in current marketing practices, we need to become more analytical and digital

in our marketing. We are ready to set this up as a traditional course due to student demand. We are partnering with the JMC department as well. They are planning to use this course for some of their menus. Students can take courses from both departments. We hope to develop a new track for Marketing in the future. T. Womble - You say that it will be offered every fall and spring, is that correct? J. Golden - I think we need to reduce it to fall only. We would love to get additional faculty so we could offer it more frequently, but we should probably change that. T. Womble - Is 30 a reasonable maximum? J. Golden - We have that much demand, so that is our plan. We will need to use TAs to manage the larger class size. T. Baggs - You can remove the mask requirement from the syllabus. I would also recommend that you add a statement related to AI policies in your course. The Provost's Office will issue a sample statement of what can be used in course syllabi.

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

12. HSST – Revision of Major

R. Morgan - This is social studies teaching and is more interdisciplinary. The changes here. We are doing the same changes as HSTT in the top section. We added HIST 329 to the menu and rearranged our geography requirements. T. Womble - What is the difference between these two? D. Mayhall - Social studies allows you to teach economics, geography, government, etc. History teachers can only teach history. R. Morgan - If you prepare with only History, you can later take a test to be certified in other areas.

Motion to approve by T. Womble; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

13. HSTT – Revision of Major

R. Morgan - The track changes show what we are doing. We are adding one new course and adding a course we have used in the past. We are reconfiguring the lower-level courses as well as adding HIST 496 - History for Teachers. We have the faculty to teach this now. To make room for this course, we are changing the category requirements to a total of 5 courses instead of 6. We added HIST 329 to one of those category menus.

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

14. BIOL 101 – Change of Content and Outcomes

J. Huddleston - We need to update the course outcomes. We have very old outcomes that are making it difficult for our colleagues in Dallas to use. So we are bringing forward 5 outcomes for approval that our courses have been meeting so that both campuses can utilize them.

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

15. BIOL 121 – Change of Content and Outcomes

J. Huddleston - We want to move ecology from BIOL 121 to BIOL 123 and match that in the accompanying labs. We don't have enough time to cover ecology well in 121. Most other courses out there cover ecology in the second semester. We also revised the outcomes to remove the assessments. We are looking at different assessments now. E. Gumm - Will this affect transfer courses? J. Huddleston - No. We've been treating them like this already.

16. BIOL 122 – Change of Content and Outcomes

See above.

17. BIOL 123 – Change of Content and Outcomes

See above.

18. BIOL 124 – Change of Content and Outcomes

See above.

Motion to approve items 15-18 by D. Mayhall; seconded by R. Slaymaker; all in favor; motion passes.

19. BIOL 332 – Close Course

J. Huddleston - The faculty member who taught this course retired. It hasn't been taught in 10 years and we don't think we will bring it back, so we would like to close it.

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

20. BIOL 425 – Close Course

J. Huddleston - This was also taught by a faculty member who is no longer here. It hasn't been taught for about 10 years. We don't have anyone qualified to teach it and we don't plan to bring it back.

Motion to approve by R. Brown; seconded by D. Mayhall; 4 in favor; 1 abstention; motion passes.

21. KSRM – Create Psychology Menu

M. Long - In this track, PSYC 388 is a required course but it is not offered very often. We've been writing a lot of subs. So we are going to add some menu options to allow options to students who are not able to take that specific course. T. Baggs - These are all

very different courses. M. Long - These were the two that the program director was willing to add. There might be room to expand in the future. I was concerned about the 200-level course replacing a 300-level, but we have so many 300-level courses in the degree plan that we don't need to worry about not meeting upper-level requirements.

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

Meeting ended at 4:17 p.m.