

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
March 6, 2024
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: K. Witemeyer, T. Baggs, J.D. Wallace, T. Sensing, T. Womble, R. Jessup, R. Brown, R. Slaymaker

Absent: D. Mayhall, J. Drachenberg

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

Guests: C. Barbarick C. Miertschin, S. Jones, N. Santana D. Kennamer, K. Wick, J. Schroeder

The meeting began at 3:31 p.m.

1. Call to order by T. Baggs.
2. Prayer by J.D. Wallace.
3. Approval of the minutes from 2.7.24

With no corrections mentioned, minutes are considered approved.

Action Items

4. BIBM 434 – Change Course Number to BIBM 334

J. Schoeder - With the Children and Family Ministry Track needs some adjustment for sequencing. Changing these numbers will demonstrate the sequencing.

5. BIBM 492 – Change Course Number to BIBM 382 & Revise Course Outcomes

See above.

Motion to approve items 4-5 by T. Sensing; seconded by R. Brown; all in favor; motion passes.

6. BIBM 436 – New Course – Methodology for Children's Spiritual Formation

J. Schoeder - This course is intended to be part of this track. There is a gap in the course content for students wanting to pursue ministry with the family studies and psychology courses.

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

7. BA:BMV – Children & Family Ministry Track – Add BIBM 436

See above.

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

8. ECON 361 – New Course – Intermediate Microeconomics

K. Wick - In order to develop the new minor in economics, we needed some higher-level courses. In discussions with our faculty, it was decided that adding this theory class would be ideal for students. This course contains harder math and more theory. R. Jessup - Would they teach prospect theory? K. Wick - Things like consumer choice, maximization of production behavior, etc. It takes the theories from the principles course and goes deeper. T. Womble - Would there need to be an Intermediate Macroeconomics course? K. Wick - If we develop a major, then yes. We are hoping to expand in the future. E. Gumm - You mentioned some calculus work in the class but there is no math as a prerequisite. K. Wick - We will have some math remediation built into the class.

Motion to approve by J. Wallace; seconded by R. Jessup; all in favor; motion passes.

9. ECON 441 – New Course – Topics in Economics

K. Wick - This is a holder for a lot of different sections where we can offer interesting topics to students. R. Brown - Would these learning outcomes carry over for any iterations of the course? K. Wick - Yes. R. Slaymaker - Is this a special topics course? Shouldn't it be a 440? E. Gumm - This is different. It requires approval by council and there are base outcomes in place. You can't put a special topics course on a degree plan. K. Wick - Most of our outcomes will be data based which would cross-apply. J. Wallace - So the measures might shift a bit but the outcomes will be stable? K. Wick - Yes. E. Gumm - Has there been any discussion in the department for increasing the usage of these in the business programs? K. Wick - Most of our BBA programs have electives within the programs where these could be utilized.

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

10. New Minor - Economics

K. Wick - This minor has been a long time coming. There are great possibilities here. R. Brown - Do you want to move toward a major? K. Wick - If we can show interest and marketability with the minor that could give support to creating a major.

Motion to approve by T. Womble; seconded by J. Wallace; all in favor; motion passes.

11. Art 293 – New Course – Street Photography

N. Santana - I first taught this course in 2002 and again in 2004 in study abroad programs. We have continued to offer this course during the summer program. We would like to have it approved as an official course. J. Wallace - What is different between this course and other photography courses? N. Santana - Street Photography is a practice in photography that fits really well with our study abroad programs. The assignments and structure are different in the other courses. The only overlap is in learning the camera functions. T. Womble - Could this be taught in Abilene? N. Santana - Yes. But the structure of the course fits the design of study abroad. Students are taught all the basics, so no prerequisites are needed.

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

12. BFA:ART – All-Level Teaching Track – Add ART 293 Option

R. Slaymaker - So was this used as an elective? N. Santana - It was substituted for the intro class.

13. BFA:ART – Graphic Design Track – Add ART 293 Option

See above.

14. BS:GRDS – Advertising Track – Add ART 293 Option

See above.

Motion to approve items 12-14 by R. Brown; seconded by R. Slaymaker; 4 in favor; 1 abstention motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.