

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

Present: K. Witemeyer, W. Crawford, B. Burton, R. Ashlock, T. Sensing, J. Drachenberg,
R. Slaymaker

Absent: R. Brown, T. Womble

Ex-officios: A. Sutherlin, E. Gumm (C. Riley, S. Hamm were absent)

Guests: S. Jones, D. Kennamer, K. Elliott, A. Biles, M. Howard, K. Akers, M. Long, J.
Huddleston, D. Hewitt

The meeting began at 3:31 p.m.

1. Call to order by W. Crawford.
2. Prayer by A. Sutherlin.
3. Approval of the minutes from 10.2.24

Motion to approve minutes by R. Ashlock seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

Information Items

4. ENGL 270 – Change Course Terms
5. ENTR 411 – Change Title, Description, Course Terms, & Prerequisites
6. ENTR 412 – Change Description & Course Terms
7. HIST 131 – Change Course Terms
8. HIST 275 – Change Course Terms
9. HIST 280 - Change Course Terms
10. HIST 402 – Change Title & Description
11. HIST 478 - Change Course Terms
12. HIST 479 - Change Course Terms
13. HIST 483 - Change Course Terms
14. HIST 496 - Change Course Terms

15. GLST 499 - Change Course Terms
16. KINE 301 – Change Description – Repeatable Status
17. KINE 401 – Change Description – Repeatable Status
18. KINE 420 – Change Title
19. PEAC 351 – Change Title

Action Items

20. HIST 408 – Close Course
21. HIST 414 – Close Course
22. HIST 452 – Close Course
23. HIST 455 – Close Course
24. HIST 477 – Close Course
25. HIST 484 – Close Course
26. HIST 485 – Close Course

K. Elliott - These courses were attached to faculty who are no longer with the department. We don't have the expertise within the current faculty to teach these courses. R. Ashlock - Do you think you might ever want to return to these topics? K. Elliott - We have so many headaches with students seeing courses in the catalog that are not offered. It serves students better to close them. E. Gumm - If a future faculty member wants to offer a course on one of these topics, we can always do that.

Motion to approve items 20-26 by R. Ashlock seconded by R. Slaymaker; all in favor; motion passes.

27. HIST 442 – New Course – The Great Depression & The New Deal

A Biles - This is my expertise as a new faculty member. It is a hole in our offerings. It is in high demand. We've taught it as a special topics course twice. It is a foundational course for understanding American politics and government. We teach the surrounding content, but not for this time period of the 1930's. J. Drachenberg - Will this be aimed at juniors and seniors? Yes. We might have younger students take it if they bring in a lot of history courses. R. Ashlock - Will it be added to a menu, but not be a requirement? A. Biles - Correct. K. Witemeyer - We will need to get a note about where to apply this new course in your degree plans for those US History ranges.

Motion to approve by B. Burton seconded by J. Drachenberg; all in favor; motion passes.

28. GERO Courses – Change Department of Record to Marriage & Family Studies

K. Akers - This is to align with the move of the Pruett Gerontology Center from Sociology to Marriage and Family Studies. T. Sensing - How many students? K. Akers - We have about 5 students in the minor. Students can also use these courses for electives that sub into other programs such as Child and Family Studies. R. Ashlock - Do you have the faculty to support these classes? K. Akers - Right now, it's me. We plan to have the director of the Pruett Gerontology Center teach many along with adjuncts. R. Slaymaker - The GERO subject code is considered interdisciplinary, so other faculty from Social Work or Sociology could also teach if needed.

Motion to approve by R. Ashlock seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

29. Aging Studies Minor – Add FAM 362 and 365 Options

K. Akers - Some of these courses are not being offered. We are adding more flexibility for students. R. Slaymaker - I would recommend adding SOCW 415 instead of SOCI 415. We offer it every fall. K. Akers - And our course is every spring. E. Gumm - If we want to change that, we can table this and take it back to the department for approval. R. Slaymaker - We don't know what is happening with our SOCI courses, so having a SOCW course would be better for moving the minor forward.

Motion to table by J. Drachenberg seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

30. ENTR 413 – New Course – Small Business Management

M. Howard - We added an ENTR minor which requires 9 hours of upper-level courses. This would be one of those electives. This course goes through the daily work of a small business. R. Ashlock - This will be great for the minor. M. Howard - Yes, as students progress, we need to have options. R. Ashlock - What is your class size? M. Howard - We are looking at 30-40. I think it will be a while before we are filled, but these can also serve as business electives for other COBA students. J. Drachenberg - Have you taught these as special topics? M. Howard - No. J. Drachenberg - You are requiring junior standing? M. Howard - We would like students to take all of our core courses first, but we are having scheduling difficulties with that, so junior standing was a compromise.

Motion to approve by J. Drachenberg seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

31. ENTR 414 – New Course – Family Business

M. Howard - All of these courses are taught by entrepreneurs. We will have adjuncts likely teach this course.

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

32. HSCI – Add KINE 399 and PHYS Menu

S. Jones - At the end of last year, after we took the new Health Sciences BS through council, we received permission to add PHYS courses, so we are doing that now. KINE 399 is our writing-intensive course. E. Gumm - We can not require KINE 399 for students under this catalog, but we can require them to take *a* writing-intensive course. This will be an advising issue. S. Jones - I am the faculty advisor for this program and will work with students on this.

Motion to approve by T. Sensing seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

33. NDPD – Add KINE 302 and IPE Selection

J. Sheila - We feel that this course is better suited to the program. E. Gumm - And you are good with any IPE course being used? S. Jones - Yes. IPE is big in our college and our committee was in favor of adding the requirement. R. Ashlock - I'm worried about faculty load. M. Long - We do need more faculty, but we can have 40 seats in each KINE 302 course.

Motion to approve by R. Ashlock seconded by J. Drachenberg; all in favor; motion passes.

34. KNHP – Close Health Promotion Track

M. Long - There are no students in this track. We would like to close it. S. Jones - It was always a small track. M. Long - With the new Health Sciences degree, I don't see it coming back to life. T. Sensing - Are there any direct courses tied specifically to that track? M. Long - No. There is nothing that we will need to close.

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

35. KINE 352 – New Course – Human Exercise Physiology

M. Long - We are finding that with this new wave of students, the regular exercise physiology on the cellular level is not the best fit for all of our students. Some need to understand what the body does, not just what the cells do. Our OT and PT students need the cellular level, but students in the other tracks do not. R. Ashlock - Do you have other faculty who could teach it? M. Long - Yes. E. Gumm - And there is still an option for another course to count so students aren't locked in. Also, "Human" is missing from the sample syllabus.

36. KINE 353 – New Course – Human Exercise Physiology Lab

M. Long - This is the lab to go with the lecture class.

Motion to approve items 35-36 by R. Ashlock seconded by J. Drachenberg; all in favor; motion passes.

37. KATP – Add KINE 352/353 as Menu Items

M. Long - This is to add the option for the new courses to the tracks where they are a better fit for the students.

38. KGEN – Add KINE 352/353 as Menu Items

See above.

Motion to approve items 37-38 by J. Drachenberg seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

39. KCOA – Add KINE 352/353 as Menu Items and Remove KINE 321/322

See above. M. Long - KINE 321/322 - These were courses where students served as TAs for PEAC courses. Since PEAC was removed from Gen Ed, I don't have enough classes for them to TA. They will no longer be requirements, however, students can still take the courses as a selection or elective.

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

40. KSRM – Remove KINE 321/322 from Degree Plan

See above.

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

41. BIOL 353 – Change Course Number to 253 (Revise Title, Description, Course Terms, Content)

J. Huddleston - We've had a huge amount of confusion regarding which class students are supposed to take if they are a major or non-major. We are changing the name to help distinguish, and we realized that it's not really a 300-level course. It is more equivalent to the level of BIOL 291, so we would like to change the number and level. We are also updating the description. This is cross-listed with an ACU Dallas course and we didn't have official outcomes on the books so we wanted to get those on a formal record.

Motion to approve by B. Burton; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

42. BIOL 354 – Change Course Number to 254 (Revise Title, Content)

J. Huddleston - This is the lab that goes along with the lecture class.

Motion to approve by R. Ashlock seconded by J. Drachenberg; all in favor; motion passes.

43. BIOL 452 – New Course – Virology

J. Huddleston - This is a course we need in our curriculum. Biology of viruses. I'm teaching this course for the first time as a special topics course this semester. B. Burton - How many students? J. Huddleston - Right now, eleven.

Motion to approve by J. Drachenberg seconded by T. Sensing; all in favor; motion passes.

44. Biology Program Changes

J. Huddleston - Because of the number change, we need to update our degree plans. We would also like to add BIOL 452 to certain menus in particular tracks.

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

45. ECEN 310 – New Course – Digital Electronics Laboratory

D. Hewitt - This is meant to sit in the upper-level block of selections in the Electrical Engineering degree plan. It is a hands-on lab experience where we implement digital electronic devices, building on what was learned in ENGR 210. It is a stand-alone lab. B. Burton - Have you talked to John Homer about CS students? D. Hewitt - He told me to circle back after it is approved. B. Burton - I think it would be a good course for CS majors.

Motion to approve by J. Drachenberg seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:42 p.m.