

Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Members in Attendance: M. Barber, D. Barbeau, C. Boyd, R. Cole, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, T. English, S. Fanale, L. Fenneberg, P. Gregory, L. Israel, J. Langan, K. Ravindra, K. Thatcher, E. Trevathan, S. Tyuse.

Guests: Jerome Katz, Russell Blyth

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2015 Committee Meeting:

Motion made by Sabrina Tyuse to approve the March 4, 2015 meeting minutes with one modification under ROTC agenda item: change the last sentence to, "Identified how ROTC courses can be incorporated as elective credit." Kathleen Thatcher seconded the motion with modification - unanimously approved.

Updates:

Academic Programs

Chinese Minor – proposal has been endorsed by CADD and under final review by the VPAA.

Academic Policy Updates

Undergraduate Academic Policy Proposals/Revisions- In general, SGA identified no concerns with any of the policy revisions except grade appeal. Will hold comments until discussion of this policy revision.

Review of the removal of the following 3 policies from the undergraduate catalog: summer session-visiting students; correspondence courses; and dual credit/concurrent enrollment programs. Motion made by Robert Cole to remove all three policies and seconded by Sabrina Tyuse - unanimous agreement.

Discussed Final Examination Rescheduling Policy – recommendation to identify past language with regard to the requirement for faculty to give a final examination during finals week and add it as a reference into the language.

Recommendation to change "postponed" language to reschedule or alternate date. Recommend that the request be made at least 2 weeks prior to the final exam date. Defer additional discussion pending past policy language clarification.

Academic Program Proposals

BS in Mathematics – Russell Blyth

Points of interest were (ppt overview was provided):

BS will provide a strong background for students who are interested in graduate school.

Noted students have been asking for a BS in math vs. the BA which is already offered and a much more applied degree.

Zero cost program, will strengthen the math program.

The Program will be more intentional with mentoring students in order to assist the students in understanding the difference b/w the BS/BA.

Will there be a capstone experience? Not at this time, but program will continue to review over time.

Request to specifically list out the possible elective courses.

Entrepreneurship Minor – Jerome Katz

Points of interest were reviewed and the following recommendations/concerns were made:

This minor allows extension of entrepreneurship opportunity across campus. Currently only business students have the opportunity to participate in the entrepreneurship minor within JCSB.

This minor will assist in training students from all professions who may become self-employed later.

There is capacity in all courses; all programs are on-site and heavily experimental.

Currently creating modules for some health professional programs, such as, the nursing DNP.

Can the 100 & 200 entrepreneurship courses in Parks count toward the minor? May consider through a petition.

There are a few prerequisite courses so students will need sophomore status to begin the minor.

The Program continues to work with Kathleen Thatcher on refining the assessment plan.

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