

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.

Announcements

- 1.) SON lost 9 faculty to VERP – they are currently working to replace the positions. In addition, in Spring 2016 they will offer a Intro to Forensic Nursing course.
- 2.) Presidential lecture will be April 9th in the Wool Ballroom with a panel of faculty. Elijah Anderson, Ph.D., will offer the keynote address titled "The White Space and Iconic Ghetto".
- 3.) Craig Boyd, Academic Program Director for the Prison Program, announced that the 1st cohort will graduate this fall.
- 4.) Retention Student Success (RSS) coaches continue to outreach to at risk students. SSC has partnered with 5 academic units to require coaching as a condition for probation. 10% of at risk students chose to not return this spring or will not return this fall – 20% indicated personal reasons, 18% indicated financial reasons, and 11% indicated academics. Tutoring has increased 13% over the past 2 years; SI has increased 241% and 25% increase in writing services appointments.
- 5.) Senior legacy symposium is April 22nd.
- 6.) Save the date – annual May event will be held May 5th.

- 7.) Pius Library 1st STEM librarian who begins June 1st.
- 8.) The assessment website is almost complete and will be broken down by degree program.
- 9.) This is the last meeting for Tommy English as VPAA for SGA – Kevin Lynch is the new VPAA for SGA, who will attend the May 2015 meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am