

Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
January 5, 2017

Members in Attendance: R. Wood, C. Boyd, D. Barbeau, E. Gockel-Blessing, G. Barker, J. Perolio, J. Burwinkel, K. Thatcher, L. Sweetman, L. Fenneberg, M. Higgins, M. Allen, N. Westhus, and R. Cole

Guests in Attendance: E. Gonzales, I. Forrester, and T. Threats

Call to Order: Rob Wood called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting: Minutes were approved with one abstention.

New Business:

- Non-substantial Program Changes
 1. Changes to the BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) was presented by the Chair, Travis Threats. Major changes include:
 - a. Switching from the College of Arts & Sciences to the Doisy College of Health Sciences;
 - b. Change Bachelor of Arts degree back to Bachelor of Science degree.
 - c. There would also be minor changes in credit hours for the major, for instance: 4 credit hours to 3 credit hours for CSDI 3700, Speech and Language Development. The total number of credits will remain at 120.

Dr. Threats fielded questions following his presentation.

2. A non-substantial proposal in Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) was presented by Ivis Forrester, Chair, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. This degree includes four concentrations: BS in Nutrition and Dietetics General, Culinary, Pre-Physician Assistant (Pre-PA), and Pre-Medicine.
 - a. Four courses are decreasing credit hours from four to three.
 - b. Name changes for two courses to better reflect the content of the courses:
 - DIET 3301 Foundations in Traditional European Cuisine formerly DIET 2750 Foundations in Classical Cuisine
 - DIET 1000 Contemporary Issues in Food and Nutrition formerly DIET 1000 Hot Topics.
 - c. Removal of some courses in the curriculum:
 - DIET 3080 Nutritional Aspects of Biochemistry
 - HIM 2700 Medical Terminology
 - MATH 1320 Survey of Calculus
 - DIET 3900 and Diet 4900 Culinary Intercession I and II
 - DIET 4070 Culinary and Medicinal Herbs
 - A history elective

- d. Addition of courses to the curriculum:
- DIET 2511 Cultural Aspects of Food
 - ENGL 4000 Business and Professional Writing
 - DIET 4870 and 4880 Critical Reading of Research Material I and II (only new to culinary tracks).

Dr. Forrester took questions from the group. Management needs to be notified about the removal of the entrepreneur concentration. Also, no letters of support were attached to the proposal. Letters of support are required from both the English and the math departments.

It was decided that the proposal should be reconciled and brought back for further discussion.

3. Eva Gonzales, gave a presentation regarding changes to the Pre-Law Scholar Program. She began with a brief history of the Program and where the changes came from.

A task force was formed and it was recommended that the pre-law Scholar Program be brought up to the same standards as the Pre-Med Scholar Program, which is rigorous, well-run, and structured.

The task force decided to drop one class and increase the standards for GPA, ACT, and SAT scores. These changes were worked out with faculty members at the law school. Some of the changes include:

- Drop one class (an elective) reducing required hours from 16-18 to 12
- Increase the GPA to 3.7
- Entry level ACT from 28-30
- Develop a new ePortfolio which will be used by every class

Dr. Gonzales took questions from the members. It was suggested that the word “certification” in the proposal should be changed to “endorsement”. Overall, members agreed that the proposal was well written.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.