

Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday December 4, 2013

Members in Attendance: D. Barbeau, M. Barber, E. Blessing, C. Boyd, R. Cole, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, S. Fanale, J. Gilman, M. Grawitch, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, B. Emo, A. Knezetic, J. Langan, K. Porterfield, K. Ravindra, I. Ruebling, K. Thatcher, S. Tyuse, J. Welch

Guests: Dr. Mildred Mattfeldt-Beman, Dr. Cathleen Fleck

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Approval of Minutes from the November 6, 2013 Meeting:

No changes were requested to the minutes of the meeting.

A motion to approve minutes was made by Robert Cole and seconded by Sabrina Tyuse.

Motion unanimously approved.

Updates

- BS Biostatistics - currently under review with business and finance.
- Actuarial Math Minor– VPAA approved - Fall 2014 start date.
- BS Neuroscience (a collaboration between psychology and biology) - final reviews in the works.

New Academic Proposals

In the pipeline for Spring 2014 UAAC agenda:

- Catholic Education minor (a collaboration between education and the theology department)
- The College of A&S reported the BS Forensic Science and BA Medieval Studies are currently under review by the College of A&S Curriculum Committee.
- Madrid reported that a BS Psychology is currently being developed.

New Programs

Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Certificate, presenter-Dr. Mildred Mattfeldt-Beman

Notes of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- Not a new opportunity at SLU (students have participated in the past as 5th year BS or as part of the nutrition Master's program); however it is being proposed in

a certificate different format in order to provide students the opportunity to apply for financial aid as degree seeking students.

- The certificate will not require additional department workload or resources.
- The master's level is now considered as entry for the nutrition profession; this certificate provides students with the necessary pre-requisites to enter a master's program.
- The certificate program is for students who have an earned bachelor's degree in fields other than nutrition who wish to become registered dieticians.
- There are three areas of interest in the proposed certificate program
 - Food Innovation and Entrepreneurial (FIE) registered dietician
 - Registered dietician (RD)
 - Culinary registered dietician
- 80-90% of the students in the current program come from outside of SLU.
- Each student's completion plan and time to degree is individually determined based on the student's previous academic record.
- The start date of the certificate is still under investigation—the hope is for Spring 2014, however, may be delayed until Fall 2014 to meet HLC and federal aid guidelines—hope to have clarification in time for the December 11 subcommittee meeting.

It was noted during discussion that a minimum of college algebra level math is now a prerequisite for ECON 190; this should be taken into consideration when proposing/tweaking proposals. Social Work inquired how many other majors require Math 120 – social work does not. Per Registrar's Office SW is the only program that does not require MATH 120 or higher.

Art History Major –Madrid, presenter-Dr. Cathleen Fleck

Notes of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- This proposed program includes sharing of courses between campuses; including in-person and video teaching formats.
- All classes taught in English Mon-Thursday this schedule allows for students to travel to experience the art resources in the area; students held to same English standards as those in Saint Louis.
- The potential for a diverse student population is very high--Madrid has students from U.S., Spain and from some 60 other countries.
- Difficult to identify how many students come from Saint Louis for this degree as students come from a variety of countries.
- The past year has allowed for a successful pilot of the major in Madrid via contract majors (from student and instructor perspective)

Academic Policies

- Policy review has been divided into 3 groups: (1) minimal changes; (2) removal from undergraduate catalog; (3) major revisions.
- The most recent round of policies was distributed at November CADD to Deans.
- Group 3 – major revisions continued:

Credit by Exam – (continue discussion)

- Department accepted examination (Cambridge, AP, CLEP, and IB) performance is not clear. Although, per Dean Gillman the acceptable examination scores are currently determined by the program/school/college and must be determined by June 1 so that students are aware for Fall 2015 start.
- We now have a grid that spells out what is accepted and identifies the minimum parameters for success as determined by program/school/college.
- There are two levels of International Baccalaureate (IB) levels; one is at college level and the other is HS.
- Should we have a greater discussion about IB at UAAC – perhaps have an expert guest in the spring? How would expanding our acceptance of IB credit impact the university goals for enrollment? Will this be an enrollment enhancer? Would we lose students?
- If core curriculum is revised, would this policy need to be reviewed again? Yes, all academic policies would need to be reviewed.
- Next steps: examine potential revisions; have greater discussion of IB credit; proposed changes will be available for December subcommittee meeting.

Graduation Requirements (endorsed)

- Benchmarking was done (by Jay Haugen) to determine the percentages of credit hours in this policy.
- Overall institution GPA is 2.0; colleges, schools and units may require a higher GPA.
- The last 30 credit hours must be taken at SLU unless there are appropriate circumstances that are determined at the Dean/Director level.
- 120 credit hour minimum for SLU degree.
- Motion to endorsed without revision by: Joanne Langan; seconded by Sabrina Tyuse
Seconded: Sabrina-- Motion unanimously approved.

Pass/Fail Option (tabled)

- This is a new policy
- Do we need approval language from program/center/school/college? UAAC recommends that YES we do need this language—policy will be revised.
- If a course is designed as pass/fail, is this okay?

- Why is “pass” not counted into GPA but “fail/no pass” does? In this scenario, no pass (NP) = fail and would count in GPA. This seems as though the student is being punished for failing, but not rewarded for passing.
- In old policy F= C-, D, F and now F=F.
- Given a P cannot be applied to major, minor, concentration or certificate courses is a P so limited in its’ application that it won’t/can’t be used anyway?
- Pass count towards 120 credit hours requirement for degree.
- We will table this policy for now-
 - Ann will take this policy back to SGA (student government association) to get additional feedback
 - Jay will do research what other universities deal with pass/fail option and review notes from past meetings with faculty groups in support of P/F

University Wide Student Learning Outcomes

- Working of final drafts of rubrics that were developed over the summer- one individual rubric for each learning outcome “bucket”.
- Looking at piloting student portfolios for spring 2014 for seniors.
- Robert Cole—education requires portfolios for graduation and for state regulations—will students need to make 2 portfolios if the University implements a portfolio too? Students may not be pleased if they need to make two—if we do it right, one portfolio would work for both requirements (university and program).
- Education is willing to help with student portfolio development.
- Potential addition to education portfolios: How did your experience at SLU embody the Jesuit mission?

Academic and Student Data Team Update-Jay Haugen

Currently working on a proposal to implement 4-digit course numbers – starting in 2015-2016 academic year; we are currently hindered with 3-digit course numbers.

IUT Requirements

The Committee was polled regarding: GPA requirements per program/school/college for internal transfer students (IUT)—

DCHS- 2.5 | Program GPA’s vary

Social Work- 2.0

Public Health 2.5

Business-2.0 | Accounting 2.7

Education 2.5

A&S 2.0

SON 3.2

Announcement

- UAAC does not have a scheduled meeting in January; however, it may be beneficial to schedule a meeting to continue to review academic policy revisions.
- SPS reported that Criminal Justice and Security Management and Organizational Studies may have revisions this spring.

Regarding future UAAC Meetings

Joanne Langan suggested alternating meetings between campuses; this suggestion will be investigated.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am