

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Members in Attendance: D. Barbeau, M. Barber, C. Boyd, R. Cole, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, T. English, S. Fanale, L. Fenneberg, E. Freeburg, J. Gilman, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, L. Israel, J. Langan, D. Lohe, K. Mitchell, E. Trevathan, S. Tyuse, J. Welch

Guests: Tom Finan, Rick Mayden and Diana Carlin.

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

Approval of Minutes from the September 3, 2014 Meeting:

Motion made by Joanne Langan to approve September 3, 2014 meeting minutes with two revisions (J. Palmar was a sub for J. Langan and Dean Freeburg's start date at SLU was June 1, 2014) and seconded by Sabrina Tyuse – motion unanimously approved.

Undergraduate Research Presentation – Rick Mayden

Proposed a campus-wide data base program – see ppt. Points of interest in consideration of his presentation:

- This system would afford faculty and students the opportunity to match research interests and opportunities
- How will it be administered? Out of which campus office?
- Career services could also support the initiative.
- This initiative nurtures research faculty and elevates the standards of the University overall. In addition, prepares our students as researchers.
- He will also be presenting his proposal to GAAC.

Updates:

BS Criminal Justice change to Security & Strategic Intelligence (SSI) (SPS)

Three points of clarification/interest were raised at the September UAAC Faculty Subcommittee meeting:

- There seems to be "substantive" change to the current program and this raised the question, "How much change warrants a UAAC review/approval?" - This will be discussed over the course of the academic year.
- Is there a possible conflict of interest if the dean is also in an acting chair role of the program undergoing change? The interim dean at the time was not the primary on the program changes; in addition, the CJSM board provided input and feedback.
- There was no reference to assessment related issues in the new program format – a new assessment plan was submitted for review.

There were no additional questions or concerns.

BS Forensic Science – Richard Colignon is currently working with admissions to finalize the admissions language for the major. Plan to review at next faculty subcommittee meeting.

Academic Policy Updates

- University-Wide Academic Program Review- a task force developed a draft academic program review policy last academic year. The policy was presented by Dr. Carlin and Dr. Dorsey. Timeline for feedback – in general written and verbal feedback through the fall semester with functional pilot feedback through spring semester. Implementation goal Fall 2015.

Feedback for consideration included:

- will there be admin support assistance for this task when a program/department/academic unit has none
 - will the persons writing the report be invited to the annual developmental workshop
 - will the Reinert certificates be reviewed
 - academic program review will also be piloted with 4 academic programs this academic year – civil engineering, athletic training, business and philosophy and letters
 - please let us know if you would like for us to present at a college/school meeting. Forward all feedback to Dr. Carlin or Dr. Dorsey.
- University-Wide Academic Integrity Policy – During the spring/summer 2014 a task force developed a draft academic integrity policy.

Feedback included:

- from a reporting perspective – what can we load into the student's file
- review the plagiarism language – we may not know the act was intentional, but it is still plagiarism
- how do we use this consistently if all schools/colleges and departments/programs have different processes and definitions
- can the University adopt uniform definitions across campus
- will there be a review of the appeal documents to determine whether or not full committee will review – chair of the committee would review and determine next steps
- who would report academic unit specific violations of academic integrity into the Banner system – it is the academic unit's responsibility
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New Academic Programs

BA in Medieval Studies

Tom Finan – provided an overview of the new academic program proposal.

Point of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- How many students do you anticipate in the program? Difficult to determine at this time, but the estimate is around 35. Recommendation is to work through a pro forma for the program with enrollment estimates prior to UAAC Faculty Subcommittee Meeting next Wednesday.

Announcements

1. MapWorks survey – 94.22% traditional undergraduate students; 51% transfer students. Approximately 360 students identified by MapWorks and OIR as “at risk” have been assigned to the RSS coaches.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am