

Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
April 4, 2019

Members in Attendance: M. Allen, D. Barbeau, G. Barker, E. Blessing, M. Bultas, E. Carnaghan, R. Cole, S. Jayaram, J. Glassman, J. Cox, J. Haugen, D. Lohe, D. Nied, A. Rellergert, D. Sleet, S. Steadman, L. Sweetman, D. Pike, K Thatcher, N. Westhus, R. Wood

Guest in Attendance: John Buerck and Kyle Mitchell

Call to Order: R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2019 Meeting: Minutes from the March 7, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Minor Program Change Electrical Engineering & Bioelectrical: Kyle presented 2 proposed changes, one change on the Electrical Engineering is the current course CSCI 1060 Scientific Programming is now being proposed as CSCI 1300 Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming. This comes from suggestions from the students stating they would do and perform better in the CSCI 1300 class. Change to Bioelectrical is current course BIO 1265 Principles of Biology II Lab is being dropped and this is to keep more aligned with Biomed. Since 4 credits are going away, the added ESCI 2300 Thermodynamics.

SPS Computer Information Systems: Non-Substantive change – John advised changing a few course titles and adding a couple of courses. The changes come from a 2018 program self-study review. Collegis Educations worked to identify specific metrics for analyzing the current CIS program and identifying any modifications that would be necessary to ascertain high-level alignment to employer identified skills. The modifications were reviewed by two Dr.'s during a two-day self-study visit. A summary of modifications to the CIS Bachelor of Science degree can be found in Appendix A.

Zero to 1 Credit hour: Nothing to report now.

SGA Proposal – Registration Sequence: Jordan had a group of commuter students which are now Juniors and Seniors approach him asking that for the Freshman and Sophomore commuter students to give them priority registration. These students spend a lot of time in traffic and sometimes must get up in the early hours of the morning and then have a full day of classes. This also tends to disadvantage them in cases of bad weather. Because of this, the commuter students felt that there was an argument to receive priority registration so that they could avoid unfavorable class times and be well rested for class. Jordan has meet with Provost Gillis who seems supportive of this. This is not a huge number of students. These students would get a pin number and register like athletics etc. Some members are concerned if we do for Freshman and Sophomores, the Juniors and Seniors will want. This will be voted on at UAAC Subcommittee in April.

Registrar Policies: Jay reported there are no new policies to report except the one that Jordan just brought up, which will be voted on at UAAC Subcommittee. Dr. Wood has been asked by Provost Gillis to insert some language to the new program proposal form about Sun Setting. We talked about this with the notion after 3, 4 or 5 years if you haven't met the targets you laid out in your program proposal we would sun set the program. Maybe put a sentence in the section where it talks about projections, enrollments and targets where it states that if you haven't met your targets in 3, 4 or 5 years, we will close your program. No one can seem to think that this has ever been in writing and this was just something that Provost Brickhouse wanted. Most think this was just a conversation about this and an understanding that if you don't meet your target they would have a review in 3 years, but nothing was done. UAAC/GAAC should be in control of this process and it should not be solely based on academic, but needs to see how financially this affects us. What is the cost to SLU? After discussion, a review after 3 years and then a decision after 5 years sounds like a fair amount of time reviewing headcount, quality and financial. Dr. Wood will work on a simple couple sentences and go from there.

Announcements: May event – ½ day faculty and staff – Event schedule for May 7th – focused on student mental health and well-being. Dr. Lohe to send Marleen the information and Marleen will forward to all.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am