

**Minutes**  
**Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee**  
**August 6th, 2020 – Via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00am via Zoom.

**Business:**

**Presented by Katie Devany:** The sunset of two (2) SPS Certificates/Minors

**Minor in Industrial Psychology:**

The number of students enrolled in the both the minor and certificate has been declining in recent years. Currently there are five students enrolled in the certificate and 20 in the minor. While the minor appears to have a considerable number of students, the number of new students electing the minor has diminished. Thus, the minor is not deemed sustainable.

Minimal impact is expected as specific courses from the certificate/minor will be retained to satisfy various components of the new core including PSYK 1010 and PSYK 4250.

**Strategic Communications:**

The number of students enrolled in the both the minor and certificate has been declining in recent years. Currently there are three students in the certificate and five in the minor.

Minimal impact is expected as specific courses from the certificate/minor will be retained to satisfy various components of the new core including CMMK 1210, CMMK 3650, and CMMK 3010.

The committee approved both certificates to be eliminated. Students were notified via letters. The results of the vote and the decision to eliminate these 2 minors were between Katie Devany, John Buerck and the Dean of SPS because there is not a dedicated faculty to make those changes.

**Presented by John Buerck, SPS:**

**Minor in Brewing Science and Operations**

The School for Professional Studies (SPS) currently offers a Brewing Science and Operations Certificate. Many students have requested to enroll in the program as a minor. With this said, we are seeking approval to offer the program as both a Certificate and a Minor.

### **Minor in Cannabis Science and Operations**

The School for Professional Studies (SPS) currently offers a Cannabis Science and Operations Certificate. Many students have requested to enroll in the program as a minor. With this said, we are seeking approval to offer the program as both a Certificate and a Minor.

Path to undergraduate to graduate and starting 2 new master's program and this is the addition to the accelerated program and following the same as the others.

Some concerns regarding this minor option is The American Heart Association (dated August 5<sup>th</sup>) recommended due to the problems with the heart issues that comes from consuming cannabis that people "not" consume cannabis, we need to think about tobacco and what it used to be considered (it was healthy, it was to relax your throat), etc. We want to make sure that we are not telling these students that it is okay to use and are we going to incorporate some ethical concerns with having this minor as an option? Proposal noted that there is not a lot of research that is valid because it has been restricted for so long? Are we letting our students know where the risk is with this product? There is a Jesuit component that ties in with this and when we were approached by an organization called "Believe" to produced CBD oil in which they were using the oil for helping epilepsy and we formed a committee to look at a program to talk about how to grow, cultivate and when it came down to it at the end of the day and the question is who better to provide an education like this and to bring up.

### **Accelerated Bachelors to Master's in Information Systems**

The School for Professional Studies (SPS) currently offers an accelerated option to all its existing Master's Programs. With the new Master's in Information Systems starting in Fall 2020, we are seeking approval to include it as an approved accelerated option. Please note that only SPS students can enroll in this accelerated option. I believe that this request is an informational item for the UAAC agenda. Supporting documents are attached.

### **Accelerated Bachelors to Master's in Project Management**

The School for Professional Studies (SPS) currently offers an accelerated option to all its existing Master's Programs. With the new Master's in Project Management starting in Fall 2020, we are seeking approval to include it as an approved accelerated option. Please note that only SPS students can enroll in this accelerated option. I believe that this request is an informational item for the UAAC agenda. Supporting documents are attached.

**Gary Barker presenting for Professor Williams:**

**Magis Operational Excellence, Committee Academic Definitions for Experiential Learning Terminology**

Gary is happy to take any feedback on these definitions and we can talk about this again next week.

Some of the definitions call out that they are credit barring and some of those credits do not address that, is it useful to have that clarified?

Consistent in the description needs to be clarified. Should we define what a cooperative employer organization is?

What is the timeline for this and when will it go into effect? There is no timeline yet and not yet been discussed.

Gary Barker stated that recommendations will be made and will bring this back to the committee.

**Elizabeth A. Gockel-Blessing, Doisy College of Health Sciences (DCHS):**

**Hybrid MLS Program with Orbis Education –For Information Only**

SLU and Orbis Education entered an official partnership agreement in early 2020 to develop, manage, and market a SLU hybrid Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) degree program. This program does not replace that offered on-ground. Rather, it is an additional avenue for students to earn the degree. It is also projected to be a significant additional revenue stream. For the new hybrid MLS degree, the didactic courses will be offered online. Laboratory courses will vary in method of delivery. Some laboratory courses will have a face-to-face component; others will be online; hence the program is considered a hybrid program. The face-to-face laboratory components will take place in spaces identified by Orbis in appropriate areas around the country.

Students will complete the same curriculum as the in-seat version, and therefore is part of the existing on-ground program in terms of accreditation, policies, procedures and assessment. There are no additional steps that need to be taken for the accrediting agency, the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science Programs (NAACLS) or the HLC.

**Doisy College of Health Sciences [DCHS] – Nutrition and Dietetics - New Minor**

NOTE: This is the first of two minors that will be presented to UAAC, the second of which is targeted for UAAC consideration at its September or October meetings.

A request from a substantial number of students interested in completing minor in nutrition, that are majoring in other disciplines, initiated the development of this

interdisciplinary minor. Dean Wilson subsequently charged a group of faculty to develop a minor with not only a nutrition focus but also that of health and wellness that will be made available to all students on campus provided they have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 and have a designated major. This team put together a 15-credit minor primarily designed for students to complete online with preferred offerings in the summer. This timing allows for students required to or opting to complete a minor may do so with the majority of the coursework being offered during the summer without adding additional courses to their fall and/or spring semesters. As an extra benefit, students in the Program in PT are required to complete a minor. This minor provides them with a viable option to do so.

Four of the five courses in the minor are already in existence, some already offered online. The DCHS is partnering with our colleagues in Psychology to offer “The Science of Sleep” and on the Madrid Campus to offer “Exercise & Health” out of the Biology Department.

The minor will be housed in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics with administrative support for the DCHS Dean’s Office.

#### **FYI – Jay Haugen**

A new final grade approved policy was put into place beginning in AY 2020-2021:

*Final grades are due 48 hours after the end of final exam times. In the Summer and Winter Sessions there are no final exams, Jay would like to do a friendly amendment to say “in those instances, 48 hours after the end of the course”.*

These links were provided to the group with relevant information to this topic:

[https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy\\_undergraduate-academic-program-definitions\\_1-1\\_2012.pdf](https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy_undergraduate-academic-program-definitions_1-1_2012.pdf)

<https://courseleaf.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/grades/>

<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/grades/>

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, 2020 UAAC Meeting Minutes were approved.

#### **Announcement and Adjournment**

Next UAAC Meeting, Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 9:00 am- 10:30 am via ZOOM. The meeting link will be sent out closer to time.

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of discussing the agenda items by R. Wood.