

Minutes
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
September 28, 2009
3:00– 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building

Present: C. Finkelstein, (Chair); B. Watford for R. Benson; L. Anderson; K. Carr; A Cronin; M. Denbow; J. Ranking for K. DePauw; V. Groover; R. Holloway; S. McMullin; C. Meier; J. Penven; J. Sible for L. N. Chang; C. Clemenz for R. Sorensen; J. Crunkilton for S. Sumner; B. Watford; R. Oderwald for P. Winistorfer; B. Sturges; M. Topping

Absent with Notification: E. Fox; D. Wubah; S. Jasinski; D. Patterson

Absent without notification: D. Zahm; R. Benson; R. Daniel; J. Duke; L. Kok; C. Quinn; D. Russell; G. Schurig; M. A. Lewis

Visitors: M. Maloney; W. Ashton

● Call to Order and Announcements -

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Carla Finkelstein, Chair.

● Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda as modified passed unanimously.

● Report from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

● Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Steve McMullin presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of September 11, 2009. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of September 11, 2009. It was determined that the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Agroecology Option Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2012 should be removed from consideration. With this modification, the motion to approve the report passed unanimously.

**For “First and Second Reading”
Unanimous Approval**

Courses Effective Fall 2009

UH 2004H: Careers in Medicine (new)
ENSC 1015-1016: Foundations of Environmental Science (new)
ENSC 1115-1116: Foundations of Environmental Science Laboratory (new)
HORT 4794: Medicinal Plants and Herbs (new)

Courses Effective Spring 2010

Art 3604: Topics in New Media Art (new)
AAEC 4404: Agricultural Management and Problem-Solving (revised)
AAEC 4324: Rural and Regional Development Policy (revised)
HORT 2134: Plants and Greenspaces in Urban Communities (new)
HNFE 3025-3026: Metabolic Nutrition (revised)
HNFE 2264: Exercise Leadership-Personal Trainer (new)

Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2010

Minor in International Agriculture (new)

Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2012

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science: Land Resources Option-(revised)
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science: Plant Resources Option-(revised)
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science: Water Resources Option-(revised)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Agribusiness Management Option (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Environmental Economics Option (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics- International Trade and Development Option (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Veterinary Business Management (revised)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Community Economic Development Option (revised)
Minor in Agricultural and Applied Economics- International Trade and Development Option (revised)
Minor in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship Option (revised)
Minor in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Environmental Economics Option (revised)
Minor in Agricultural and Applied Economics- Agricultural and Applied Economics Option (revised)

● University Commencement Committee

Jill Sible presented the University Commencement Committee minutes of September 2, 2009. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of September 2, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

● University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education

Carolyn Meier presented the minutes of the April 1, 2009, and September 2, 2009 University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education meetings. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education minutes of April 1, 2009. The motion passed unanimously. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal

Education minutes of September 2, 2009. The motions passed unanimously.

●Other Business

The motion was made and seconded to nominate Diane Zahm for the Academic Support Committee position. The motion passed unanimously

The motion was made and seconded to nominate Rachel Holloway for the UCCLE representative position. The motion passed unanimously

Carla Finkielstein presented the BS/MS programs guidelines for review. It was determined that the three major issues that exist are 1) the differences between the research and professional tracks, 2) concerns about the inconsistency of GPA between the research and professional tracks, and 3) how many credit can be moved from the undergraduate level to the graduate level. The committee had the following suggestions/concerns

- 1) That the admittance of a student into the program should be determined on a case by case basis by the College.
- 2) The guidelines state that minimum GPA may be set by the College, but then states it must be at least a 3.3.
- 3) The graduate school representatives feel 12 credits are too many to double count for undergraduate/graduate. This was later conceded to under the understanding that only 6 undergraduate credits could be double counted and those credits must not be taken towards graduation on a students undergraduate checksheet, and 6 could be taken at the 5000 level.
- 4) It was suggested the research vs. professional track be abolished in favor on one major track.
- 5) It was suggested that the minimum GPA be set at 3.0, and can be raised by a College if desired.
- 6) It was questioned that why courses can only double count if taken in the previous 12 months
- 7) It was determined that this program be called the Accelerated Graduate Program and not the Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Program.
- 8) It was suggested that instead of a maximum level of transferable credits, there instead be a maximum percentage of transferable credits as required by College.

Carla Finkielstein will take these concerns and suggestions and present them to the GCSP for consideration.

●The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Submitted by,
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