

Minutes
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
November 28, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building

Present: R. Panneton (Chair); S. Sumner for A. Grant; D. Stauffer; R. Holloway; J. Sible for L. Nam Chang; B. Watford for R. Benson; L. Cavuoto; J. Browder; J. Hanratty for Y. Stivachtis; N. Dam; A. Nelson; K. Goldbeck-DeBose for A. Scripa; D. Thorp; M. Denbow; S. Taheri; J. Rankin; D. Smith; L. Beecher; A. Hawthorne; V. Fowler; S. McMullin

Absent with Notification: J. Penven; R. Sorensen

Absent without Notification: D. Zahm; D. Patterson; G. Schurig; K. Heiter; S. Bennett

Visitors: W. Dean; M. Maloney; W. Ashton; F. Keene; P. Knox

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Robin Panneton; Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Announcement of approval and posting of minutes

Robin Panneton announced the November 14, 2011 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar website.

New Business

Robin Panneton noted for the Commission that the wording in Resolution 2011-2012 A. has been amended. The phrase “Students may be contacted” has been changed to “Students will be contacted” per the University Council’s suggestion.

Resolution 2011-12.D “Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Culture”, First Reading.

Rachel Holloway, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, presented for first reading of Resolution 2011-12.D, “*Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture*”, effective Fall 2012. Motion was seconded and approved. Rachel explained that while the departmental name change was successful, the degree name change (replacing the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies) was originally denied approval by the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV). After reviewing suggestions by SCHEV, the college revised the curricula for the degree. The college requested waiver of the first

reading so as to move the resolution through governance for consideration by the BOV this academic year. Motion to waive the first reading of the degree name was seconded and approved unanimously. The motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Resolution 2011-12.D, “*Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture*”, effective Fall 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Long Range Planning Study

Paul Knox and Francis Keene presented the Long Range Planning study and discussed the process and outcomes of the effort. A topic of significant interest to the university was consideration of no growth, some growth, or significant growth. As explained, the study revealed the limited resources available to accommodate any undergraduate student growth over the next six to eight years without affecting the quality of education provided by the University. The study showed that an undergraduate population growth of five thousand students would cost the University approximately \$1.44 billion. Therefore, it is determined that enrollment growth will most likely target the graduate population with modest growth over the next six years in the undergraduate population. The plan’s goal is to improve the students’ learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom using four primary strategies; redeveloping curriculum for liberal education, expanding undergraduate research opportunities, expanding and enhancing relationships using global engagement, and increasing learner-centered pedagogy. Questions were raised by the Commission about issues such as, how will we grow degree majors without growing students, who will be in charge of the planning program and how will it be managed. Dr. Knox explained that they are working on these issues and offered that a fast track through the governance system could be useful in the implementation of the strategic plan. He urged members to review the online blog and offer any comments before the conclusion of the process in January 2012.

Reports from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Mike Denbow presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of November 18, 2011. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of November 18, 2011 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**For “Second Reading”
Non-unanimous Approval**

Revised Checksheets Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2014

College of Science

Minor in Astronomy
Minor in Physics

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

New Degree Program

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture (Effective Fall 2012)

**New Checksheets and Designators Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year
2014**

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture (RLCL)
Minor in Middle East Studies (MEST)

Revised Courses Effective Spring 2012

College of Engineering

CS 4634 – Design of Information

New Courses Effective Spring 2012

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

UAP 1004 – Introduction to Careers in Urban Affairs and Planning

College of Engineering

ME 4034 – Bio-Inspired Technology

New Courses Effective Fall 2012

College of Science

BIOL 3134 – Human Genetics

New Courses Effective Spring 2013

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

UAP 2004 – Principles of Real Estate

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education

Virginia Fowler presented the University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education minutes of October 5, 2011 and November 2, 2011 for approval. Wanda Dean suggested that an UCCLE report with effective dates summarizing the actions taken in each meeting would be extremely helpful in the processing of the paperwork. The motion was made and seconded to approve the UCCLE minutes of October 5, 2011 and November 2, 2011, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Robin Panneton encouraged the Commission to review the Long Range Planning website/blog and make comments if appropriate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm

Submitted by,
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