

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
April 3, 2012, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Arthaud-Day, Bennett, Bonella, Cox, Dille, Easton, Roberts, Sachs, Zajac

Absent: DeRouchey, Ganta, Spears

Guests/Visitors: Joe Aistrup, Lauri Baker, Louise Benjamin, Kris Boone, Ruth Dyer, Jason Ellis, Larry Erpelding, Tom Gould, Steve Harbstreit, Andy Nelson, Angela Powers, Steve Smethers,

1. Andy Bennett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. Introductions were made. A motion was made to consider the Ag Comm items first due to many visitors here for that purpose. Motion was seconded and carried.

Zajac moved and Roberts seconded for Ag Comm courses to be approved.

Discussion:

Bennett recognized Jason Ellis, from Ag, to give a 5-minute presentation to committee members about the courses and their background. Each course is one semester-long. Ellis outlined, via computer presentation, what is unique to each of these courses, outside of JMC. It is desired that these courses be offered in addition to what JMC offers due to their uniqueness.

Bennett thanked Ellis and recognized JMC to give a 5-minute presentation.

Louise Benjamin spoke in behalf of Charles Pearce. She is the C&C chair for JMC. They feel their significant overlap with these courses. Gave a brief overview of how JMC would be able to handle also the “principle” of these courses as well. Tom Gould and Andy Nelson also spoke. Goal is to cover material a student needs, but not create a specific course for each need. Three new courses for JMC will be offered starting in fall. Audio, video, and design and photo shop techniques. This should give them the skills they need early on in their career.

Bennett offered Kris Boone an opportunity to respond to the presentation. Boone commented that not only are these courses presenting communications, but they are specific to a science field. There is a critical nature of factual basis of this communication. For example, bioscience, food science, and others are very technical. It is not important just that students have the skills, but it is critical they are able to handle the science of the matter. Angela Powers commented they do offer the kinds of courses these students need and then perhaps Ag could tweak the particular science of the matter. A question was asked about a student’s focus in a JMC course. If it is an Ag student is in the JMC course, may they focus on their Ag topic? Yes. However, how would the instructor know their student wasn’t focusing on their Ag topic if they need to? Nelson responded.

One committee member asked if students at this time are being ill-served by taking only the JMC courses and if so, how? Boone responded and Erpelding did as well. Another concern was voiced about a student getting similar classes and then not getting a complete picture by the end of their studies.

Discussion continued: Can there be a compromise to have students take one of two of the JMC and then combine and make one focus course in Ag? Conversation came around to whether or not it is possible to combine.

Ellis commented on 210 – deeper learning of current software.

Powers noted they have layout and design. Her concern is that Ag is expanding their communications package, so to speak, whereas the JMC department has the faculty and equipment and they want to be able to serve these students. Benjamin and Gould also commented.

Bennett asked Boone if AgComm would be willing to take some time to revise the proposal in conversation with JMC and in light of the comments made during the meeting. Boone agreed with this request.

Easton moved to table the course and curriculum items until the next meeting. Bonella seconded the motion to table. Motion carried.

It was commented that the question about *how* many students are we talking about is reasonable. What would be the impact? Members felt possibly this information should be brought forward.

2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 6, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

3. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education -

1. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Zajac to approve the following curriculum change as approved by the College of Human Ecology on March 13, 2012 (approval sheets sent out by Marqueleta Wall to the listserv on March 14, 2012):

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

Changes to the Bachelor of Science:

Change Professional Studies from 68-74 credit hours to 71-74 credit hours by adding a 3 credit hour required course (MKTG 450) to the specialization in Apparel Marketing; change unrestricted electives from 7-15 hours to 7-12 hours.

Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Dille and seconded by Cox to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Agriculture on March 15, 2012 with the exception of the Ag Communications courses and curriculum changes (approval sheets sent out by Janet Roggenkamp on March 16, 2012):

COURSE CHANGES:

Department of Communications and Agricultural Education

Add:

~~AGCOM 210 Layout and Design Principles. K-State 8: Aesthetic Experience, Interpretive Understanding~~

~~AGCOM 290 Audio & Visual Communication. K-State 8: Human Diversity within the U.S.~~

~~AGCOM 315 Website Design & Video for the Web.~~

~~AGCOM 425 Undergraduate Research in Agricultural Communications. K-State 8: Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning~~

General Agriculture

Add:

GENAG 210 Human and Cultural Diversity in the Food and Agricultural Sciences. K-State 8: Human Diversity within the U.S. and Historical Perspectives.

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Department of Communications and Agricultural Education

~~Changes to the BS in Agriculture: Agricultural Communications and Journalism—Agriculture Option. See approval sheets for rationale and impact.~~

~~Changes to the BS in Agriculture: Agricultural Communications and Journalism—Environment Option. See approvals sheets for rationale and impact.~~

Department of Agricultural Economics

Changes to the BS in Agriculture: Agricultural Economics – Specialty Option: Pre-Vet.

Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Changes to the BS in Agricultural Technology Management. See approval sheets for rationale.

Department of Grain Science & Industry

Changes to the BS in Bakery Science and Management – Cereal Chemistry Option. See approval sheets for rationale and impact.

Changes to the BS in Milling Science and Management – Cereal Chemistry Option. See approval sheets for rationale and impact.

Motion carried.

B. Graduate Education

1. A motion was made by Easton and seconded by Cox to approve the following course additions, curriculum changes, and curriculum drop as approved by the Graduate Council on March 6, 2012:

COURSE ADDITIONS

College of Arts & Sciences

GEOG 712 Internet GIS & Distributed Geographic Information Services

MATH 635 Dynamics, Chaos, and Fractals

MATH 843 Advanced Probability I

MATH 844 Advanced Probability II

MUSIC 605 Lower String Pedagogy

STAT 843 Statistical Inference

STAT 905 High-Dimensional Data and Statistical Learning

STAT 907 Bayesian Statistical Inference

COURSE CHANGES

College of Arts & Sciences

~~GEOG 605 Remote Sensing of the Environment~~

GEOG 740 Fluvial Geomorphology (Add K-State 8 tag of Natural and Physical Sciences)

MC 505 Supervision of School Publications

STAT 842 Probability for Statistical Inference

CURRICULUM CHANGES

College of Education

Changes to the Online Course Design Graduate Certificate

There was some discussion over changes. Zajac moved to table GEOG 605 until unit being impacted can be contacted. Cox seconded. Motion carried. Discussion ensued. Question about STAT 842 came up. Some discussion over this change took place.

Motion carried.

4. Graduation lists and additions – A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Zajac to approve the following graduation list addition:

December 2011

Heather Tidd, BS in Elementary Education, College of Education (grade change upheld graduation)

Philip T. Webb, Master of Arts, Graduate School (technical error)

Motion carried.

5. Old Business

A. Review of Approval, Routing and Notification manual (Pages 1-15)

This agenda item will be postponed until the April 17 meeting.

6. Committee Reports

A. iSIS – Bennett/Dille – No report

- B. CAPP – Bennett – No report
- C. Library Committee – Sachs - No report

7. Announcements/for the good of the University

- Annual Faculty and Unclassified Professional Retiree Ceremony and Reception will be at 4pm on April 17 in the Alumni Center. Ms. LaBerge will be involved with this and needs someone to take minutes at the April 17 meeting. Kevin Roberts agreed to care for this.
- Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security. Bennett informed Academic Affairs this will be back on the FS agenda for a vote in May. An agreement to fast-track was made between FS president and the Graduate School in order to have this reviewed before the end of the year. The parties were willing to have the certificate program approved simultaneously, provided it passes all layers before reaching FS on May 8. The items that will need to be addressed will be:
 - Where the program is housed
 - Name of the program coordinator
 - Date and results of the faculty vote on the program
- Cox mentioned the Division of Continuing Education has a few courses that they are promoting; however they do not offer these courses at all. They are offered through other companies. One is Paralegal online studies course, another is the Carbon Footprint Courses, and the final one listed it THE COURSE. Discussion ensued. These are non-credit. This conversation will continue at future meetings. It seems we're endorsing courses.
- Student leadership will also visit at a future meeting to discuss the Learning Impact. A statement indicating that both student and teacher will do their best in class.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2012 Union room 204, **2:30 pm**