

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
November 6, 2012, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Bennett, Dille, Easton, Ehie, Garcia, Hill, Narayanan, Sellers, Spears, Stewart, Zajac
Provost Liaison: Ruth Dyer
Absent: Bonella and Hoag
Visitors: Barry Michie

1. Andy Bennett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.
2. The October 16, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education
 1. A motion was made by Zajac and seconded by Spears to approve the following course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Technology and Aviation (K-State Salina) on October 26, 2012 (approval sheets sent out by Kathy Sanders on October 29, 2012):

COURSE CHANGES:

Department of Aviation

Add:

AVT 498 Research Project

PPIL 222 Commercial Pilot Helicopter Flight Lab I

PPIL 365 Environmental Helicopter Operations

PPIL 484 Certified Instrument Flight Instructor Helicopter Flight Lab

Department of Engineering Technology

Add:

CET 340 Mechanical & Electrical Systems; K-State 8: Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning;
Natural and Physical Sciences

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Department of Aviation

DROP: Avionics Installation Certificate (CAVIC)

RATIONALE: This certificate has never been active. It was originally created to work in conjunction with an agreement with a community college.

IMPACT: No impact on any other department.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2013

DROP: Associate of Technology: Professional Pilot (PPIL)

RATIONAL: With the addition of a master's degree on our campus, we need to reduce the scope of our coursework. Recent FAA legislation will require our graduates to have a bachelor degree in aviation in order to obtain a Restricted Privileges Airline Transport Pilot certificate so an associate degree is no longer sufficient for entry level positions.

IMPACT: There may be a reduction in students requiring developmental English and Intermediate Algebra from the Arts, Sciences and Business Department.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2013

DROP: Associate of Applied Science: Aviation Maintenance (AAVM)

RATIONALE: In transition to a new Aviation Maintenance Management bachelor's degree program and shifting away from associate's degree offerings, the Aviation Department faculty voted to delete the AAVM program and maintain the Airframe and PowerPlant Certificate and the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Technology, Aviation Maintenance Management option.

IMPACT: No impact on any other department.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2013

Add:

NEW OPTION:

Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Technology, Helicopter Pilot Option
(See supplemental information for further details)

Department of Engineering Technology

Change to Associate of Technology in Engineering Technology, Construction Engineering Technology option

(See supplemental information for further details)

Zajac briefly commented on the changes being put forward. Motion carried.

2. *OLD BUSINESS* – New curriculum approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on October 4, 2012: (Tabled at previous meeting for further review and changes)

Modern Languages

Add:

Minor in South Asian Studies

(See supplemental information for further details)

A motion was made by Easton to take the curriculum item off the table, Dille seconded. Motion carried. It was clarified that the supplementary information provided to committee members for today's meeting includes revisions made to the proposal as requested of Barry Michie after the last Academic Affairs meeting where senators gave their feedback and requested a few changes. Michie was present and informed committee members of what changes were made. An appendix with the courses was added, instructor names were removed and an edit was made in the language requirement section to make it clear that a student would still need to complete the total credit hour requirements of the minor even if they demonstrated language proficiency at the fourth semester level. There was a brief question regarding the core hour section that was addressed. Members discussed courses listed that do not have explicit South Asian content in the title and noted that students will need to make sure they have the right course or section, etc. What can be done to clarify this in the language that will be available in the catalog? Consensus was that there should be a brief sentence in the Electives section of the proposal indicating a student wishing to take a course without South Asian content explicitly in the title needs to have it approved by the minor director. Easton made a motion to amend the proposal to replace the second sentence under III. Electives with the following sentences: "Students interested in taking classes and/or sections offered without South Asian content explicitly in their titles must obtain approval by the minor director in advance. Approval may be instructor dependent." Zajac seconded the motion. Motion to amend carried. Motion to approve the proposal as amended carried.

4. Graduation List Additions:

- A. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Narayanan to approve the following graduation list additions:

May 2012

Madeline Mary Wetta, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences (Requirements were completed; human oversight in not approving both her degrees in DARS; degree exceptions were updated to reflect correct information.)

Martha Montanez, Bachelor of Science, College of Education (She had a grade change paperwork issue that held up her graduation.)

December 2011

Jessica Orth, Bachelor of Science, College of Education (She had a grade change paperwork issue that held up her graduation.)

Motion carried.

5. Old Business

A. BIOL 397 – Update

Bennett reminded committee members this course was approved by Academic Affairs at their last meeting. However, it was discovered the course number was the same as when the course was deleted. In the Approval, Routing, and Notification document under policies it states that a course number may not be reissued within 5 years of being deleted. This is to help avoid confusion. Biology was informed of this and asked to provide a new course number; however, because it is the same course they have requested to keep the same number. There have been a few other cases of this happening. Since it is outside the normal procedures, Bennett would like to put it on the FS agenda as a discussion item. There was agreement on this. A motion to approve this course with the same number was made by Dille and seconded by Zajac. Motion carried.

6. New Business (3:55)

A. Online Marketplace regarding course information - Grant Hill

Hill discussed with committee members an idea from student senate that originally had to do with having course syllabus being made available for students to view before they enroll in a course. However, after discussion with various instructors and administrators, it appeared that would not work very well. Therefore, students moved forward with the idea of having perhaps a one-page document available regarding the professor teaching a course. Spears briefly related an issue that is happening right now within the education field regarding course syllabus and that would also lend to not using the syllabus. It was commented perhaps a link to a professor's website would be sufficient. Much feedback was given. It was suggested that a pilot project be used with certain courses to see if this is beneficial, perhaps by trying it with a large size, freshman, multi-section course with the permission of that instructor. A question was asked regarding how this will be helpful to students; what are the outcomes. It is not certain right now. Hill mentioned they will visit with VP Dandaneau about this in a couple weeks and that it may work in with his Student Success vision. Discussion continued. Dille mentioned tying something like this to iSIS may be more of an afterthought whereas if it is in the course schedule, it would be more accessible prior to a student's selecting a course. Spears noted that this is a very ambitious undertaking. Bennett made the suggestion of using a department that would like to raise their profile and attract students. This may be one marketing avenue to try. Hill thanked members for their feedback.

7. Committee Reports

A. iSIS – Bennett/Dille

iSIS will be meeting tomorrow.

B. CAPP – Bennett

CAPP will also meet tomorrow.

C. Library Committee - Sellers

Sellers reported they are working on their 2025 plan; however, the committee is awaiting more feedback from other colleges.

8. Announcements/for the good of the University

Online textbooks or open source textbooks are being given further attention by FSCOT. The chair of FSCOT has requested volunteers from Academic Affairs committee members to serve on a sub-committee which will begin looking at this in more detail. Bennett and Zajac would be willing to serve, depending on further information. It was also commented that having a student be involved with the committee may be wise. Bennett will discuss this with Rintoul and inform Hill if a student volunteer is also needed.

A brief discussion occurred about the upcoming Motion to rescind having to do with the K-State 8 tagging criteria revisions that were approved in June 2012. The motion was signed and brought to the Executive Committee for placement on the November 13 senate agenda. Committee members discussed the process used for putting forward the revised criteria.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 20, 2012, Union room 204, 3:30 p.m.