

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
April 21, 2015, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Bennett, Charney, D. Fallin, J. Fallin, Goodson, Haar, Hartman, Hoeve, and Tinker

Absent: Aramouni, Armbrust, Pacey, and Washburn

Guests/Visitors: Rod Howell, Monty Nielsen

1. Andy Bennett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. The minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate
 1. A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Hartman to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on April 2, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Karen Solt on April 3, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

Dean of Arts and Sciences

ADD:

DAS 148 – Basic English Language Orientation

DAS 151 – Advanced English Speaking I for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Global Issues and Perspectives; Human Diversity within the US.

DAS 153 – Advanced English Reading I for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.; Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 162 – Advanced English Writing II for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.; Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 163 – Advanced English Reading II for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.; Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 164 – Advanced English Listening II for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.; Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 165 – Advanced English Speaking II for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.; Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 166 – Advanced English Writing III for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.; Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 168 – Technical Communication for International Students; K-State 8: Human Diversity within the US; Global Issues and Perspectives

CHANGE:

~~DAS 152 – Advanced English I~~ Advanced English Writing I; K-State 8: Global Issues and Perspectives; Human Diversity within the US.

~~DAS 154 – Advanced English II~~ Advanced English Listening I for Non-native Speakers of English; K-State 8: Human Diversity in the U.S.: Global Issues and Perspectives.

~~DAS 159~~ DAS 169 – Digital English for International Students; K-State 8: Global Issues and Perspectives

English

Add:

ENGL 575 – Holocaust Literature; K-State 8: Aesthetic Interpretation; Historical Perspectives

Music, Theatre, and Dance

Add:

THTRE 212 –Wardrobe Crew; K-State 8: Aesthetic Interpretation

Psychological Sciences

Change:

PSYCH 350 – Experimental Methods in Psychology

Add:

PSYCH 351 – Experimental Methods Laboratory; K-State 8: Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility

CURRICULUM CHANGES

American Ethnic Studies

Changes to the BA/BS

Discussion: There was a question about the curriculum changes in American Ethnic Studies. There is wording that states “we strongly recommend” regarding electives. Bennett had already emailed the department head with a question on this and was able to get in contact with her. It was agreed that the wording will be changed to state the following: “9 credit hours from the following list of courses. Any substitutions must be approved by the department head in consultation with the student's advisor.” Brief discussion took place about the DAS courses. Motion carried.

- 2a. A motion was made by J. Fallin and seconded by Hartman to approve the following course changes as approved by the College of Engineering on April 2, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Gina Leon on April 3, 2015):

Computing and Information Sciences

Changes:

Retake policy changes to CIS 115, CIS 200, and CIS 300.

Discussion: Rod Howell, from engineering, was present to give a brief overview of why they are requesting this change. There are two concerns: 1) Students taking these courses over and over are still not prepared for work in the industry even after retaking the course several times and 2) undergraduate enrollment is growing and there is not the adequate number of faculty to assist in teaching the courses. Howell presented a handout regarding programs who use CIS 115, 200 and/or 300. Also touched on was how many students would likely be affected by this policy, should it be passed. Committee members had concern about a single department making a change to the retake policy versus the university policy on retaking a course. It seems to be setting precedent and could also affect retention numbers in some areas. Perhaps it's not the retake policy that is the problem, and the issue could be resolved in another manner. Various suggestions were given. The question was raised that since there is a University Retake policy, is it the purview of a department to edit that to a stronger degree, or rather, would a change be necessary to university policy itself. Lengthy discussion ensued. A motion to table the proposal was made by Haar and seconded by J. Fallin. Motion carried. Bennett will inquire of the FS Executive Committee on Monday whether they feel this needs to be moved through the University Handbook and Policy committee in order to determine whether policy change needs made to Section F or not.

- 2b. A motion was made by Hartman and seconded by Goodson to approve the following course changes as approved by the College of Engineering on April 2, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Gina Leon on April 3, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

Computing and Information Sciences

Changes:

CIS 200 Programming Fundamentals

CIS 300 Data and Program Structures

Dean of Engineering

Changes:

DEN 160 Engineering Concepts

Add:

DEN 161 Engineering Problem Solving

Motion carried.

B. Graduate course and curriculum changes

1. A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Haar to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the Graduate Council on April 7, 2015:

COURSE ADDITIONS

Vet. Medicine DMP 802 Environmental Health

Interdisciplinary MPH 802 Environmental Health

COURSE CHANGES

Vet. Medicine CS 728 Theriogenology – Companion Animal Core

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Interdisciplinary Master of Public Health – Public Health Core

Interdisciplinary Master of Public Health – Infectious Diseases and Zoonoses area of emphasis

Interdisciplinary Master of Public Health – Food Safety and Biosecurity area of emphasis

Interdisciplinary Public Health Core Concepts Graduate Certificate

Motion carried.

4. Old Business

- A. Request for dissolution of a subcommittee – Bachelor Degree Completion (BDC) Program Advisory Committee

Bennett reminded all about the request to dissolve this committee. He spoke with personnel in Global Campus as well as Ruth Dyer. Global Campus feels that these kinds of curriculum issues can go through the colleges directly as other curriculum items do. A motion was made by J. Fallin and seconded by D. Fallin to dissolve said committee. Motion carried.

- B. Transfer Credit/Credit for Prior Learning policy – modifications to policy (CAPP item)

There is a policy in progress that will be brought forward to CAPP at their next meeting. Bennett indicated this will come forward to AAC at the May 19 meeting.

5. New Business

- A. Proposed Moratorium on New Programs

This topic of conversation was brought up in the recent Faculty Senate meeting and was requested to be discussed in Academic Affairs. Bennett reported also that Faculty Senate Leadership was able to

converse on this topic with the provost and her staff last week. There is concern that approving and putting forward new programs to the Board of Regents gives the wrong message. He opened up the topic for conversation by those in attendance. It was thought rather than putting a hold on new programs, they should be assessed more in detail and it should be determined whether they are meeting the needs of students, etc. No action will be taken on the suggestion to limit new programs at this time. The other topic that came out of this conversation was the need for resources to be discussed in much more detail than they are now. Bennett inquired whether Faculty Senate Academic Affairs wants to get involved in a more detailed way with regard to resource issues to be sure they are fully vetted. Discussion ensued as to what this involves. Members were supportive of this. Perhaps requiring that a representative be present at Academic Affairs meetings where new programs are proposed would be wise. The academic *and* resource side could be requested to be addressed. In addition, a department could discuss the resource side of things with the provost before pushing it further down the road in order to have this covered. All these suggestions were helpful. It was agreed that Chair Bennett will review the course and curriculum approval instruction manual, which is approved by this committee, to insert more specific language regarding resources and making certain a representative from a department is present to present information on proposed new programs.

6. Committee reports:

A. CAPP – Bennett

CAPP discussed the final exam schedule for global campus as well as evening college. They were able to come to an agreement of what worked best. Also discussed was the commencement ceremony with regard to students who began their courses at the Manhattan campus but finished in Salina and would rather walk at commencement in Manhattan instead of Salina. Currently this type of decision is made by the dean's office. However, CAPP will be discussing any rules and guidelines that should be put in place for the future.

B. CCAPIC – Bennett

There is no update on the proposed software for automation of course and curriculum approval. The proposal sits with the president and we will not know anything until we have a budget, likely in June. Therefore, this may be updated on in the fall. Several other software proposals were being put on hold until the budget is determined.

C. KSIS – Hoeve

No report.

D. Library Committee – Haar

The committee will have their last meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 12:15-1:15 pm and meet with the president and provost. Lunch will be provided. Haar is not able to attend that meeting. Therefore, if anyone else would like to attend please let her know.

7. Announcements/for the good of the University

A. FS standing committee assignments due April 27.

B. Annual Retiree Ceremony and Reception for faculty and professional staff: Friday, April 24, 4:00 pm, Alumni Center ballroom.

C. J. Fallin, on behalf of the committee, thanked Bennett for his leadership on this committee as chair.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2015; 3:30 pm; Union room 204
Academic Affairs Chair election upcoming...