

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
February 16, 2016, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Charney, Dille, D. Fallin, Hartman, Heinrich, Simser, and Yu
Proxies: J. Fallin, Goodson, and Tinker
Absent: Armbrust, Jackson, and Schlup
Liaisons: Ruth Dyer and Monty Nielsen
Guests: Shing Chang, Mark Haub, and David Stewart

1. Teresa Hartman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.
2. The January 19, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. GRADUATE
 1. A motion was made by Dille and seconded by Yu to approve the following curriculum addition as approved by the Graduate Council on February 2, 2016:

CURRICULUM ADDITION:

Interdisciplinary - Online Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics

David Stewart and Shing Chang were in attendance and offered background about how this program took shape. It took a longer path due to being interdisciplinary. It has gone through much discussion. The primary audience will be professionals already in a field. Discussion included whether in the future other departments can be a part of this; what resources are involved; how many students are expected to enroll; and administration of the certificate. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Heinrich and seconded by Dille to approve the following curriculum change as approved by the Graduate Council on February 2, 2016:

CURRICULUM CHANGE:

Human Ecology – Degree name change to MS in Human Nutrition

From: ~~Human Nutrition (M.S.)~~ To: MS Nutrition, Dietetics, and Sensory Sciences

Mark Haub was in attendance and provided background for the change. The department underwent a change/merger. They retained the same faculty and added in the faculty from dietetics. This degree name change is to the “umbrella” degree in the department. Therefore, the new name will better define the programs within the degree so that the participating research programs are represented in the title of the degree. There were questions about the online Master of Science in Dietetics degree currently offered through the GPIDEA consortium. That degree, as was mentioned, is online and will remain the same until such a time as accreditation standards change, etc. The MS Nutrition, Dietetics, and Sensory Sciences degree is a face-to-face program. It is not imagined these degrees will be in competition with each other. Discussion ensued about all the changes going on in Human Ecology. Additional name changes will be forthcoming likely in March. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Yu and seconded by Heinrich to approve the following course additions and curriculum change as approved by the Graduate Council on February 2, 2016:

COURSE ADDITIONS:

College of Arts and Sciences SPAN 774 – Topics in Spanish Translation/Interpreting

College of Arts and Sciences PHILO 681 – Philosophy Portfolio

College of Arts and Sciences COMM 814 – Graduate Studies in Leadership Communication

College of Arts and Sciences COMM 815 – Seminar in Leadership Communication

College of Arts and Sciences COMM 845 – Approaches to Public/Community Engagement

College of Arts and Sciences COMM 916 – Communication Theories and Engagement

College of Arts and Sciences COMM 945 – Social Science Research for Public Problem Solving

College of Arts and Sciences COMM 999 – Research in Leadership Communication

College of Education LEAD 945 – Social Science Research for Public Problem Solving

College of Human Ecology KIN 851 Topics in the Physiological Basis of Kinesiology

College of Human Ecology KIN 852 Topics in the Behavioral Basis of Kinesiology

College of Business Administration - GENBA 894 Data Analytics Capstone

College of Veterinary Medicine DMP 885. DMP Veterinary Medicine Elective

College of Veterinary Medicine CS 811. CS Veterinary Medicine Elective

CURRICULUM CHANGE:

Veterinary Medicine – Public Health Nutrition

Motion carried. However, after further discussion it was the committee's decision to table PHILO 681 from the list above due to additional questions being raised and more information being desired regarding this course and the curriculum change below.

B. UNDERGRADUATE

1. A motion was made by D. Fallin and seconded by Simser to approve the following curriculum change as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on November 12, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Karen Solt on November 13, 2015):

CURRICULUM CHANGE:

Philosophy

- Changes to the Philosophy BA/BS. Rationale: We are adding a capstone seminar course, Philo 681, as a mechanism to enforce compliance with assessment activities. This change requires students to take PHILO 681 (for 0 credits) before graduation. PHILO 681 requires students to submit 3 papers of their choice, which papers are used for assessment purposes.

Various comments were made and questions were raised about the intent of this. There was some concern about this being "3 papers of their choice", etc. The committee opted to table this item and Chair Hartman will contact the department head for further information.

2. A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Dille to approve the following course addition as approved by the College of Architecture, Planning and Design on January 20, 2016 (sent out to the listserv by Ann Cook on January 22, 2016):

COURSE ADDITION:

Office of the Dean

(Environmental Design Studies Program)

ENVD 240 Design Drawing

Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Dille and seconded by Heinrich to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on February 4, 2016 (sent out to the listserv by Karen Solt on February 5, 2016):

COURSE CHANGES

History

HIST 589 Lost Kansas Communities; K-State 8: ~~Social Sciences~~; Human Diversity within the US; Historical Perspectives

Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

ANTH 365 – Exploring Kansas Archaeology; K-State 8: Historical Perspectives; Human Diversity within the US.

Women's Studies

Add: WOMST 350 Gender in American Film; K-State 8: Aesthetic Interpretation; Human Diversity within the US.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Art

Changes to the Art Minor.

Rationale: Now that students have started signing up and completing the Minor in Art, we realize that there are some minor changes that will allow students from Architecture and Interior Design to complete the program more efficiently. We are allowing their Foundation class to count for our Foundations requirement in the Art Minor and both departments have been contacted and are thrilled with these new changes. We are also allowing more Art History classes to be part of the Minor as we recognize not everyone wants to do primarily Studio Art courses.

Women's Studies

Changes to the Women's Studies Minor.

Rationale: This updates the curriculum with recently approved/new courses.

Changes to the Women's Studies B.A./B.S.

Rationale: This updates the curriculum with recently approved/new courses. A mistake is also corrected.

Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Dille and seconded by Yu to approve the December 2015 Graduation Lists as received by the Registrar's office. Motion carried.
5. Old Business
 - A. Update on Business Administration courses and curriculum change from April 2015. Hartman reminded committee members there were several Business Administration courses, both undergraduate and graduate, and one undergraduate curriculum item that had been tabled from last spring. Academic Affairs had requested the college to have these ready for their review by this January. The college was not able to resolve the issues surrounding the proposals at that time and asked to withdraw them. The college will send these back through the regular course and curriculum approval process if and when they are ready for consideration.
6. Committee reports:
 - A. Committee on Academic Policy and Procedure – Charney
CAPP met on February 10th and had a full agenda. The topic of handling grades on K-State transcripts for transfer credit and credit for prior learning was discussed. This issue is still not entirely resolved and there will be more reported on this in the future. What is being spoken of here are grades or scores that will

not figure into a student's K-State GPA. CAPP members discussed possible ways by which a prefix might be added to a grade to indicate that it is excluded from the calculation of the K-State GPA. Academic Affairs committee members had questions about a student testing out by a departmental exam and how that is addressed. It appears this is still acceptable. However, Charney will inquire further and report back in March. CAPP approved three new courses for non-standard class times. A conversation in CAPP also took place regarding offering back-up classes for students, especially in their first semester. An example of math students was provided. After a student's first quiz in certain math courses it may be determined that they're not in the right course due to knowledge level or other reasons. Those students are then put into a different course that is specific to their needs. This is very helpful to those students. CAPP members discussed the appropriateness of pursuing the formulation of a similar university-wide policy since students in other sorts of courses might also benefit from this approach. Reorganization in Student Life, due to the retirements of two key people, has led to a work group being formed to discuss overall rethinking of things such as tutoring. Also, the Student Success Collaborative (SSC) will soon become a new functionality in KSIS. It is intended to connect all those individuals who are advising or working with any particular student with a better coordinated set of cross-communication options to keep that student on track for academic success. Ken Stafford, CIO, is retiring and an interim search will begin. It was reported that the switchover to CANVAS went well. An internal search for a new University Honors Program director will take place. Nielsen reported on Curriculog implementation and its progress. He described in detail the steps involved. Nielsen also conveyed some issues with diploma production and what steps are being taken to help address this.

B. KSIS – Simser for Dille

Simser attended KSIS on behalf of Dille and reported briefly on that meeting. A security question was raised regarding retired faculty wanting access to KSIS. When this is granted for appropriate reason, there is deadline imposed; this will be enforced. The Admissions office has begun working on implementation of the selective admissions for the college of engineering that was approved by Faculty Senate at their February 9 meeting. Questions regarding code of conduct on admissions applications will be in place in the near future. There is discussion about SAT scores changing and how that will affect the admissions process, however, whatever method is used should be in place by this June. The Student Access Center webpage is instituting some new features that may go live this summer that will assist instructors. Also, the KSU Advisor center will have some upgrades.

C. University Library Committee – Goodson

No report.

7. Announcements/for the good of the University

Dyer related that currently there isn't a standard cut score among regents' schools for AP and CLEP scores. However, in the future it is possible the Board of Regents will require these to be standardized. For departments who accept AP and CLEP scores, the provost's office has recently sent out inquiries about what those "cut" scores are. This will assist them in preparation for any changes that may need made in the future.

Hartman reminded members that Faculty Senate elections are in the process. She is willing to serve again as chair of this committee and would welcome a co-chair.

Members discussed the March committee meetings as well. The March 1st meeting may be canceled if there is not a need for it. However, the second March meeting falls during spring break. Committee members will discuss how to handle that meeting nearer to that time.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2016; 3:30 pm; Union room 204