

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
December 1, 2015, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Armbrust, Charney, Dille, D. Fallin, J. Fallin, Goodson, Hartman, Heinrich, Simser, and Tinker

Absent: Jackson and Yu

Proxies: Schlup

Guests: Gary Clark and Larry Satzler

Liaisons: Ruth Dyer, Monty Nielsen

1. Teresa Hartman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
2. The November 17, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes (*items sent out to listserv by Nov. 20*)
 - A. UNDERGRADUATE
 1. A motion was made by D. Fallin and seconded by Simser to approve the following selective admissions proposal as approved by the College of Engineering on November 12, 2015:

College of Engineering

Add: Selective Admissions. Rationale: The College of Engineering has been receiving students who are not academically prepared to enter the first year of the curriculum which includes MATH 220 and CHEM 210. Many of these students leave the college, fail one or more of their first semester courses, go on academic warning and/or create financial debt.

- 50% to 75% of the students with an ACT of 19 or lower leave the college
- 40% to 47% of the students with an ACT of 20-23 leave the college
- 76% of the students with a MATH ACT of 21 or lower earn a "D" or "F" in MATH 220. They need a "C" to move forward. Note: This does not include the number who dropped the course.

Discussion: One small change was made and approved. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Dille and seconded by Tinker to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Engineering on November 12, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Gina Leon on November 12, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

Biological & Agricultural Engineering

Changes:

BAE 131 - ~~Introductory Design for Biological and Agricultural Engineers~~ Biological Systems Engineering Project I

Computing and Information Sciences

Add:

CIS 090 - CIS Scholars Seminar

Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Changes:

NE ~~250~~ 350- Reactor Operations Laboratory

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Computing and Information Sciences

Drop: BS in Information Systems. See supplemental file for rationale.

Discussion: A typo was corrected changing the wording "concurrent" to "co-requisite." A question about the effective date for dropping of the BS degree came up and was addressed. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Dille and seconded by J. Fallin to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on November 12, 2015, with the exception of the Philosophy curriculum change (sent out to the listserv by Karen Solt on November 13, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

Dean of Arts and Sciences

Add:

DAS 225 – Fundamentals of Global Food Systems Leadership; K-State 8: Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 325 – Uncertainty in Global Food Systems Leadership; K-State 8: Human Diversity within the US

DAS 425 – Global Food Systems Leadership in Action; K-State 8: Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning; Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility

Modern Languages

Add:

FREN 512 – French/Francophone Cinema; K-State 8: Aesthetic Interpretation; Global Issues and Perspectives

Philosophy

Changes:

PHILO 585 – Ethics; K-State 8: ~~Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning~~ Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Modern Languages

- Changes to the Modern Languages B.A. (French). See supplemental file for rationale.
- Changes to the French Minor. Rationale: The change in hours reflects what students are currently doing in their programs of study in French. This change will not actually require students to take an extra course. Rather, it reflects credit students are obtaining already through retroactive credit or through their course selection.
- NEW: Spanish Translation Minor. See supplemental file for rationale.

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.~~

Statistics

- Changes to the Statistics and Data Science BA/BS. Rationale: We propose (1) to modify the course requirements for the undergraduate major in statistics to modernize the program and (2) to change the name of the major to Statistics and Data Science to more accurately reflect the nature of the discipline. Statistics is fast-growing major throughout the country, and the proposed changes are intended to capitalize on the popularity. In addition, the modification of the course requirements will help in the development of a concurrent BS/MS program in statistics.

Discussion: The Philosophy curriculum change was withdrawn due to the only change being the addition PHILO 681, which hasn't yet been approved through the graduate council. Therefore, when the course is approved the curriculum change will be back on the agenda. There were also questions with regard to resources for the Spanish Translation Minor. Clarification will be requested. Motion carried.

4. Announcements/for the good of the University

Hartman reported that she followed up on the purchase of Curriculog and it looks as though it is in the final stages. The next steps will be organizing an implementation project team and then looking into a timeline for when the rollout will occur. Discussion included who would call for a project team to be put in place as well as when and what units will be asked to participate in a pilot of the software. There will be a follow up on next steps. Later down the road there will be discussion about which college or colleges will participate in a pilot for the software to make certain issues are worked out prior to a full release.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2015; 3:30 pm; Union room 204