

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs

March 13, 2024, 1:00 pm

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Present: Grant Alford (APD), Andy Bennett (AS-Co-Chair), Elizabeth Berney (LIB), Joann Kouba (Ag), Shane Lyon (VM alternate), Laurel Moody (GU), and Steve Warren (EN)

Proxies: Andy Bennett for Brandon Kliewer (ED-Co-Chair) and Drew Smith (TA), Terry Mason for Hansin Bilgili (BA)

Absent: Jessica Binckley (SGA), Nicky Cassell (VM), Kim Hiller (HHS), Deborah Kohl (EXT), and Sujatha Prakash (Term Appt)

Nonvoting liaisons: Shannon Castleberry (REG)

Guests and/or visitors: Kristen Kremer and Ruth Welti

1. Bennett called the meeting to order at 1 pm.
2. The March 5, 2024, Academic Affairs minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Course Proposals:

To view full proposals, see the Curriculog Agenda: <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2342/form>

Agriculture	ASI - 108 - Poultry Lab ASI - 109 - Horse Lab ASI - 150 - Anatomy & Physiology of Domestic Animals ASI - 202 - Domestic Animal Nutrition ASI - 301 - Transfer Foundations in ASI ASI - 302 - Advanced Animal Nutrition ASI - 501 - Principles of Animal Breeding ASI - 511 - Applied Animal Breeding and Genetics HORT - 551 - Landscape Contracting and Construction
Arts and Sciences	GEOL - 305 - Sustainable Earth Resources HIST - 350 - Hollywood and the Military POLSC - 330 - Global Environmental Politics SOCWK - 611 - Social Welfare as a Social Institution SOCWK - 630 - Social Work Research Methods and Analysis II SOCWK - 660 - Social Work Practice I SOCWK - 661 - Social Work Practice II SOCWK - 662 - Field Experience SOCWK - 668 - Macro Practice and Theory SOCWK - 670 - Social Work with Groups

A motion was made by Kouba and seconded by Lyon to approve the course proposals above. There was conversation about ASI 301 and it being a 0-credit hour and whether this will cause issue with KBOR given their recent instruction about having required 0-credit hour courses. There was confirmation that this is an elective course, not required. Additionally, Bennett shared that the SOCWK courses were requested from Grad Council to be part of the agenda today if possible so they could be ready for fall so they can be part of a K-State/KU coordinated program. There was no objection. Motion carried.

4. New Curriculum Proposal(s):

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Arts and Sciences	Popular Music Studies (Minor)
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A motion was made by Lyon and seconded by Warren to approve the curriculum proposal above. Motion carried.

5. Curriculum Changes, including expedited K-State Core Change Proposal(s):

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Agriculture	Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Animal Products Option Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Bioscience/Biotechnology Option Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Business Option Animal Sciences and Industry (BS) - Communications & Marketing Option
Arts and Sciences	Biology (BA) Biology - Animal Biology option (BS) Biology - Cellular and Molecular Biology option (BS) Biology - Computational Biology option (BS) Biology - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology option (BS) Biology - Human Health Biology option (BS) Biology - Integrative Biology option (BS) Biology - Plant Biology option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Conservation Biology option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Environmental Biology option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Fisheries Ecology and Management option (BS) Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology - Wildlife Ecology and Management option (BS) Microbiology - General Microbiology option (BS) Microbiology - Medical Microbiology option (BS)

A motion was made by Lyon and seconded by Moody to approve the curriculum proposals above. There was question raised about the Arts and Sciences proposals, except the Biology (BA), regarding whether this was the correct path since they seemed to be incorporating changes that couldn't be found in the catalog. Ruth Welti was present to answer questions. It seems these options have been in place for many, many years, but for whatever reason have not been clarified in the catalog. These proposals are to make sure starting in fall that they are shown appropriately. There was no real concern over the proposals themselves, however, after further discussion an amendment was offered by Kouba and seconded by Berney to have these specific proposals be moved through as standard routing and to have them placed on an upcoming consent agenda for Faculty Senate. Motion carried. It was determined that Bennett will make sure there are no concerns from Executive Committee about placing these on the March 19th FS agenda. If there is concern, then they'll be moved to the April FS agenda. No additional discussion, main motion carried for all other proposals to be approved in the routing they were proposed.

6. Expedited Proposals approved by colleges/Grad Council:

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Arts and Sciences	CHM - 351 - General Organic Chemistry Laboratory CHM - 532 - Organic Chemistry Laboratory
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Engineering	BAE - 445 - Biological Engineering Fundamentals BAE - 545 - Biological Process Engineering
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A motion was made by Kouba and seconded by Berney to approve the expedited proposals. Motion carried.

7. **Proposed calendar change – Fall Wildcat Pause Day (handouts from University Calendar Committee)**

This proposed change was shared with committee members just on Friday evening from the University Calendar Committee. They are asking for discussion on the proposal at this meeting. However, no one was present from the University Calendar Committee to address any comments or questions.

Committee members discussed the proposal and though no formal motion of approval or endorsement is needed, the following suggestions and comments were made:

- It was suggested more than once that, if possible, a Thursday/Friday combination of days off in the mid-fall might be better than just a Friday.
- It was noted that student mental health often becomes precarious during the fall, particularly in the month of October and, sadly, there are student deaths that confirm this.
- Lastly, though not directly related to the proposal, it was recommended that students be given time in November to have the opportunity to vote.

This proposed change will move forward next to the Executive Committee at the end of March. However, Senator Bennett will share highlights of today's conversation not only with the University Calendar Committee, but also with Faculty Senate next week during his report.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: **Tues, April 16th, 2024**, 3:30 pm; Zoom: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/442684782>