



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Sub-Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2024
DB 406

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, G. Barker, L. Burke, E. Gockel-Blessing, J. Haugen, J. Helton, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, J. Nichols, D. Pike, M. Rozier, J. Rust, S. Sell, S. Steadman, C. Thomas, M. Toups, S. Tyuse

Absent: E. Crowell, E. Gockel-Blessing, G. Lopiccio

Guest: Jeannine Butler

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023
 - The motion to approve minutes was put forward by Sabrina Tyuse and seconded by Jen Rust.
- II. Academic Programs:
 - Majors
 - Teaching (CIM 635) – Jeannine Butler
 - SOE provided a summary of UAAC's queries and provided documentation for alignment with the Core. In advance of the meeting, Ellen Crowell provided recommendations/feedback to SOE for meeting Core requirements.
 - Comments:
 - There seems to be some assumptions that transfer courses will articulate. It would be helpful to provide some examples of articulations. Jay and Nicole may have some sample core articulations to share.
 - Two-year cohort with a robust class size. The plan is to go through the entire cohort and reassess it in two years. The goal is to become a continuous model. How long of a pause between cohorts?
 - October 2026 - the grant funding for the first cohort will be complete.
 - Is SOE committed to this degree beyond the grant funding? 100%, the program is not a pilot.

- Reference summer courses – Response for six-week courses that are offered through SPS – is there an exception being made to taking four courses at the same time? The university policy allows two at a time without an overlap.
 - Probation and Continuation standards. The proposal suggests that a student on academic probation can take 15 credit hours. This needs to be edited to reflect university policy of no more than 12 credit hours for students on academic probation.
 - It was recommended that Dean Ritter submit a letter of the schools’ commitment to this major post-grant funding. Can this committee receive confirmation that details of finances beyond the two-year proposals have been discussed.
- Computer Engineering (CIM 638) Madrid Campus - Scot Sell, PhD
 - The need for additional resources on the Madrid campus have been addressed and they are in the process of securing the necessary facilities.

Motion to approve was put forward by Joseph Nichols, seconded by Sabrina Tyuse – all in favor. Major will move forward to CADD approval.

Eleven items will be going forward to CADD – if passed they will proceed on for Provost approval.

III. Old Business: None

IV. Policy Review:

- Prerequisite courses -- Tabled
- Special Topics -- Tabled
- Policy on Independent and Directed Study Courses
 - GAAC is reviewing policy and will inform this committee of the findings in February or March.
- Latin Honors - Tabled
- Undergraduate Audit – Tabled

Policy Parking Lot

- Undergraduate Audit
 - Audit is costly to students and the equity piece continues to surface.
- Challenge/Proficiency Exams (continuation)
- Waitlist (continuation)
- Proposal to Eliminate Undergraduate Overload Charge
- University Grade Appeal Process
- Academic Affairs Appeal Process

V. Discussion Item:

Dr. Lisa Dorsey, Undergraduate Associate Provost, and Chair

- Do we need to meet more often November – February? This would require a by-law change.
- Revisit discussion around micro-credentials.
 - Are students able to count too much? Is there an excessive amount of credit overlap between academic programming (i.e., major, minor, micro-credential courses)?
 - Are we deluding the value of a micro-credential?
 - Consider inserting some language that micro-credentials must consist of unique courses with a minimum of six courses.
 - Are there parameters on how many micro-credentials a student can earn.
 - Is this creating more anxiety for students wanting to achieve as many credentials as possible? Ultimately it is the decision of the student and their expectations for level of success.

VI. Announcements: None

The next UAAC Sub-Committee Meeting is February 8, 2024.