

Minutes  
Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

In Attendance: Dr. M. Barber, D. Barber, Dr. Blessing, C. Boyd, B. K. Johnson, J. Dorsey, J. Giacole, M. Gregory, R. Hindi, L. Israel, R. Lambert, Dr. L. A. Rula, S. Sanchez, B. Sokol, K. Syberg, S. Tyuse, J. Welch, E. Whitt.

Guests: Heather Pedraza, Donna J. Johnson, Linda White, Michael White, Norman White

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The November 2012 minutes were not connected.

Updates:

a. Minor in PE:

- The Faculty Subcommittee met with Dr. Ruebling on November 14.
- Dr. Ruebling provided answers to the committee's question, as recommended
- PHIL 205 is the recommended philosophy course for students wanting to minor in PE in PE.
- Dr. Whitt will take the proposal to Dr. Patankar for his review.

b. GIS Certificate:

- Dr. Williams submitted a proposal with the sub-committee's recommendations.
- Drs. Sanchez, White and Williams met with Dr. Patankar to assess the flow chart.
- The sub-committee approved the proposal with the minor corrections made.
- Dr. Patankar will present this as an informational only item to the members of the Academic Affairs Subcommittee of the Board of Trustees at the December 14 meeting.

New Proposals:

a. Changes in B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice:

- The Department of Criminal Justice was transferred from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of Social Work and changed the program from B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice to B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- In September 2012, the Department of Criminal Justice was merged with the College for Public Health and Social Justice which included the School of Social Work.
- The core of this program will go from 33 credit hours and 16 hours to 33 credit hours and 16 hours in the School of Social Work.
- The number of credit hours in the major will increase from 36 hours to 39 hours.
- Students will have a more rigorous major requirements which will allow them to adapt the program to their career choices.
- The Department of Communication has a new student body which will accommodate the extra number of students because of the communication requirement.
- Current students will still earn a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- Students and parents have been notified of the changes.
  - ✓ Fr. Barber stated that the changes in the A&S core needed to be clearer especially for the philosophy course.

- ✓ The final draft will be written by the representatives of the committees to the committee members and will be reviewed by the representatives of the committees to the committee members

### Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes Phases:

- Dr. Dorsey outlined the following phases of the Learning Outcomes Committee:
  - ✓ They have been meeting weekly since March 2012
  - ✓ In May 2012 met with stakeholder groups across USU to get input on outcomes
  - ✓ In June 2012 attended a 3 day conference on learning outcomes
  - ✓ Feedback from these groups lead to the development of the second draft of the outcomes
  - ✓ The third draft was made available to the community and website created to the outcomes
  - ✓ In October 2012 multiple general workshops held on the Learning Outcomes Campaigns
- Dr. Dorsey outlined the following phases of the Learning Outcomes Committee:
  - ✓ 28 groups, comprised of approximately 450 faculty, staff, students and administrators
  - ✓ The final version of the Learning Outcomes Campaigns will be presented to UAAC, CAEDU, and the President's Council on Learning Outcomes
- Dr. LaVoin outlined Stage 2:
  - ✓ In the Spring 2013, the committee will develop common evaluation rubrics of specific measurable student performance outcomes for all undergraduate courses
  - ✓ Rubrics will be used to assess institutional performance on the outcomes
  - ✓ Assessment data will be used for improvement of institutional efforts regarding undergraduate student success
  - ✓ Stage 3 will analyze the extent to which all campus programs facilitate achievement of expected performance outcomes listed in the evaluation rubrics of the University Wide SLO's

UAAC unanimously endorsed the SLO document...

The meeting adjourned at 10am.