

UAC Faculty subcommittee
February 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Fr. M. Barber, Dr. P. Barber, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Colignon, Dr. Dorey, Dr. Grogan, P. Hindi, A. Rule, K. Svberg, S. Travis, M. Whitt, J. Whitt

Guests: Ted Vitale

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The December 12, 2012 meeting minutes were approved with one correction to be added.

Updates:

- Dr. Colignon asked if the members of the Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the program from BA in Business Administration to BA in Business Administration with a concentration in Leadership. Dr. Whitt confirmed that the name change had been approved and the program is moving forward. Dr. Whitt also stated going forward all changes like this need to come to UAC and AC respectively.

Proposed Changes in Core Curriculum for the Bachelor's Degree:

- Dr. Boyd stated the SPS 2010 Core Curriculum self-assessment showed the need for revision in the areas of writing ability, science, and the use of technology. Questions of diversity, a greater emphasis on international courses.
- The committee looked at the best practices for writing across the curriculum and how to fit these practices into an 8-week session instead of the usual 10-week session.
 - A writing component would be added to:
 - PHIL 111 and PHIL 112
 - PHIL 215
 - THEO 100
 - HIST 111, 112, or 332
- Best practices for the use of technology resulted in the recommendation of:
 - Adding COT 115 - *Computer Applications of Technology*
- The question of requiring a "diversity" course was addressed by:
 - Having the student choose between taking "Cultural and Diversity in US" or "Global Citizenship"
 - Require diversity component in THEO 100
 - Have the students take a capstone experience
 - Take one course in the major or minor field, requiring to take ED 410, ENMK 005, or OSTD 320, or another approved course
- Students will be required to take one course in quantitative reasoning and natural science and will be able to choose one additional course from that area.
- Social Science requirements would be reduced from 9 credit hours to 6 credit hours.

These goals will be accomplished by:

- ✓ Including writing composition in literature and humanities courses.
 - ✓ Teach students how to analyze documents.
 - ✓ Students will be permitted to choose from PHIL 105 or PHIL 110.
 - ✓ A student's writing ability will be done with the aid of the writing center. This information is used by most faculty and the student.
- The Natural Sciences requirements should state to give a general approved course

Dr. Rule made a motion to endorse the curriculum changes. Dr. Tyase seconded the motion. The subcommittee unanimously passed the changes.

Fr. Ted Vitali, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, addressed the committee's concern over why in some programs students are given permission to waive PHIL 105 and PHIL 110. Fr. Ted Vitali stated that it is not necessary in some of the professional programs because the faculty only want 6 credit hours in the liberal arts. PHIL 105 is an introduction into the western and a foundation in western civilization. It is a general course that should be developed and included both PHIL 105 and PHIL 205. Fr. Vitali said that is a possibility, but it would only be opened to students enrolled in professional programs. Dr. Tyase stated that accreditation is not a barrier in the professional programs and that the faculty should have to be involved. Fr. Vitali said that because engineering has its own course.

Fr. Ted stated that teaching for the third course in philosophy would be the best option, but at the more expensive option it would allow for 20-40 students in a class with graduate students and teaching assistants. The other option for students is to take a philosophy course during the summer.

The committee thanked Fr. Vitali for his time in helping the 4 members understand why some students are allowed to waive PHIL 105.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 am.