

UAAC Minutes
November 14, 2012

In Attendance: Debbie Barbour, Dr. Michael Dorsey, Dr. Jennifer Danner, Dr. Linda George, Dr. Michael Whitt, Dr. Tyuse, Elizabeth Whitt, Dr. Vitali

Guests: Bill Dannenveck, Jim McPhee, Dr. Whitt

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The minutes from the October 10, 2012 were approved with no correction noted.

Dr. Ryehling addressed the committee's question regarding the proposed minor in GIS and/or Geospatial Practice.

- PHIL 105 can be waived for students in this program per Dr. Ted Vitali's recommendation to the department.
- Renaming Concentration to Minor
 - ✓ "Concentration" signifies a larger body of knowledge.
 - ✓ "Minor" is a extension of the subject knowledge, more work in the area of outcomes research, and more practice in different areas.
 - ✓ Distinction between "Concentration" and "Minor" will be clearly defined based on the course work structure.
- Steps for gathering and using aggregate data needed to propose minor
 - ✓ Each IPE course includes quizzes, exams, assignments, projects, and other activities that can be used to measure student achievement against course objectives.
 - ✓ Qualitative data from student commentary on course evaluations.
 - ✓ Aggregate data will be used to determine the program's strength and areas for improvement.

The UAAC faculty subcommittee's discussion included:

- Either "Concentration" or "Minor" will be recommended on student transcript.
- PHIL 105 may be waived based on the graduate program and Dr. Vitali's recommendation.
- Dr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the proposal.
- Dr. Tyuse seconded the motion.
- Proposal passed with unanimous consent.
- Dr. Whitt will take the proposal to Dr. Fadlullah for his review and recommendation to approve.

Dr. Wulamu and Dannenveck met with the faculty subcommittee to discuss their concerns about the proposed concentration.

- Concerns about having first year students and graduate students in the same class
 - ✓ The course will be taught at the same time as the graduate class in GIS and remote sensing.

- Confusion on the ~~minimum requirements needed to complete the certificate~~ -
 - ✓ 18 credit hours are needed to receive the certificate
- The subcommittee ~~asked for "flow chart" of pre-requisites and outcomes~~
 - ✓ Dr. Wulamu provided the document
- ~~How will assignments be held during the year and how about the effectiveness of the overall program~~
 - ✓ Assignments, tests, quizzes and class projects will be embedded in the courses.
 - ✓ Each year a summary of the results of the above mentioned measures will be done and the results will be discussed with the director of the department, faculty and reported to the department chair.
 - ✓ These results will also be used to evaluate student learning outcomes.
 - ✓ At the end of each class students will be asked to reflect on what they have learned and these will be forwarded to the department chair and course instructor for review.
 - ✓ Exit surveys will be conducted.
 - ✓ Capstone project report will be used as indirect measure of the program assessment.
 - ✓ Employers will be asked to evaluate the performance of students from the ~~program~~ ~~CSIS~~ graduates

The UAG faculty subcommittee's discussion included:

- Graduate rubric must be clearly defined.
- Rubric language needs to be clear.
- The syllabus must outline the requirements for students to complete the program.
- If these changes are made, the subcommittee would support the changes.
- Dr. Hind added the motion to approve the proposal with notated changes.
- Dr. Tyuse ~~see attached memo~~
- No objections were made.

Dr. John Rizviak ~~throughout his presentation, he emphasized the importance of consistency, clarity, and relevance~~

- Changing From: Computer Science Technology,
- To: Computer Information Systems...

The reasoning behind the name change is to reflect current trends in the field. It would aid in differentiating the program from the BS degree program in Computer Science offered in the College of Arts and Sciences. The changes are consistent with the recommendations of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Association for Information Systems, and the Association of Information Technology Professionals.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.