

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes Thursday, December 7, 2023

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, T. Breitbach, Jean Marie Cox, P. Dotson, E. Gockel-Blessing, J. Haugen, J. Helton, G. Lopiccolo, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, S. McGahan, G. Merys, N. Mispagel, J. Nichols, B. Perlman, D. Pike, J. Rust, S. Sell, S. Steadman, L. Sweetman, C. Thomas, M. Toups

Absent/Excused: M. Cope, E. Crowell, Fr. Rozier, S. Tyuse

<u>Call to Order</u>: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

I. A

Recommended Wellness Syllabus Statement

Debie Lohe and a small working group of students, staff and faculty have drafted an expansive, wellness-focused syllabus statement addressing student wellness. The group is requesting your feedback via the feedback pilot form or reply directly to Debie Lohe.

CIM system search

The committee recommended that in the future the program number that is assigned in CIM be added to the agenda for ease of access.

III. Academic Programs

Majors:

Marissa Cope, Director of Assessment, reviewed the documents and is recommending that departments start to include Madrid students in the assessment process and to coordinate assessment across both locations. There should be one assessment plan and one assessment report.

Computer Engineering – Scott Sell, PhD.

This proposal is an expansion of the current computer engineering program in STL to be offered in Madrid and is being put on hold until the January UAAC meeting.

Theological Studies – Gary Barker, PhD.

This major is the same major we have in STL now being offered in Madrid.

Modern Language and Intercultural Communication - Gary Barker, PhD

This currently exists as a minor and is now being proposed as a major due to student demand in Madrid. There are three levels of language acquisition and course work is drawn from a communication perspective. The intercultural experience is reflected in a capstone course. This is a combined proposals for both campuses St. Louis and Madrid. This proposal received support from the business school in Madrid. The business school in St. Louis was not consulted. Comments:

- Could a student test out of 18 credits which is 56% of the course work?
 Yes
- The word proficiency implies a little more expertise.
- The level of detail is not very clear.
- One of the attributes is a business course. If the attribute is required, Chair approval is required. Both parties sign off on the attribute.
 - Whoever's course it is owns the attribute.
- Does Madrid have the capability to do a market analysis? Is there an assessment of need? Put the query forward so that we can better understand.
- Leadership determines the viability of the proforma.
- Make sure that UAAC chair reports to CADD about the resource needs.
 - Put a call out to leadership at large and leader can provide additional clarity.

Minors:

Linguistics – Gary Barker, PhD

The change in this minor is an attempt to reinvent themselves and to rethink what their role will be at SLU. There is an interdisciplinary approach to this minor with new courses to be added.

Comments:

This feels excitingly aggressive and not realistic within three years. There
is a need among students who need linguistics in their credentialing as a
second language requirement. This minor provides those opportunities
to students.

<u>Micro-credentials</u> – Dr. Gary Barker, PhD Beginning German Communication – Gary Barker Communicating in German Intermediate German Communication Essential French French Proficiency Intermediate French Conversational Chinese Conversational Spanish

The committee expressed the following concerns:

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