

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
February 9, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Committee members in attendance:

Ryan Alexander
Sungkyu Kwak
Tony Palbicke
Mike Russell
Shaun Schmidt (Chair)
Barbara Scofield
Barb Stevenson
Randy Pembroke (ex officio)

Not in attendance:

Brendan Fay
William Mach

Guest Presenters:

Ann Marie Snook, Music
Bruce Mechtly, Computer Information Sciences
Cheryl Childers, Anthropology/Sociology

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Shaun Schmidt at 3:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the November 10, 2014
The minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting for review. The minutes were approved and will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

2. New Business—
a. Proposal from Music: Jazz Studies Minor and deletion of the Instrumental Jazz Studies

Ann Marie Snook provided an overview of the proposal for the Minor in Jazz Studies. She indicated this is a revision of Instrumental Jazz Studies currently within the curricula. The new minor will be offered to vocalists and instrumentalist. Ann Marie indicated this is an area of interest for several students and will give students classes and applied lessons.

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve both motions regarding these two agenda items. Based on the approval, these will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

b. Proposal from Anthropology/Sociology

Cheryl Childers provided an overview of the new program Bachelor of Science. This will be a new program for Anthropology and Sociology and will offer students opportunities for forensic courses. Some discussion was held regarding where students who completed this major might be employed and what would happen if positions weren't funded.

Cheryl was asked to provide additional information to enhance the proposal regarding the employment possibilities.

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve the motion regarding this agenda item. Based on the approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

c. Proposal from Computer Information Sciences. Emphasis in Digital Forensics

Bruce Mechtly provided an overview of the new digital forensics major. He indicated the faculty felt they could modify the degree by including courses from Criminal Justice and Psychology which will enhance the learning for the students. Bruce indicated the current faculty could maintain the courses, with the support and assistance from the other departments mentioned.

Bruce indicated students who gain this education could become employed by law enforcement agencies and in the private sector, which is a growing field.

The committee members asked Bruce to add the software expenses to the budget pages included with the proposal.

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve the motion regarding this agenda item. Based on the approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

d. Program change: Computer Science

Bruce Mechtly indicated pre-calculus was to be removed from their curriculum. This will allow two other courses (computational intelligence and data mining) to be offered more.

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve the motion regarding this agenda item. Based on the approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

e. Program change: Education

Education representatives were not present to provide an overview of this proposal but the committee members indicated if this change allowed the department to set higher

program admission standards then the Education department should be able to have this discussed in Faculty Senate.

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve the motion regarding this agenda item. Based on the approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.