
Undergraduate Studies Council

Minutes of 11 January 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Studies Council was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on 11 January 2022, virtually via Webex by Clifton Ealy Jr., chair.

Members in Attendance: Jessica Birnbaum, Deanna Bush, Carrie Cumming, Clifton Ealy, Steven Eberth, Kristal Ehrhardt, Elisha Ewing, Lori Grey, Ashlynn Jackson, Irma Lopez, Dawn Mason, Diane Riggs, Mary-Louise Totton, Nicolas Witschi, Kelly Wittenberg

Member Absent: Colin MacCreery

Advisory Members Present: Betsy Drummer, Edwin Martini

Ex Officio: Scott Slawinski

Guest(s): Kathleen Baker, Geography, Environment and Tourism; Colin Cork, Health Performance and Health Education; Deborah Droppers, Human Performance and Health Education; Vickie Edwards, Public Affairs and Administration; Keith Hearit, Communication; Cynthia Klekar-Cunningham, Chair, Communication; Ming Li, Dean, Education and Human Development; Yuanlong Liu, Chair, Human Performance and Health Education; Andrew Rathbun, Music; Udaya Wagle, Director, Public Affairs and Administration; Carol Weideman, Human Performance and Health Education

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Riggs, seconded by Cumming, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Bush, seconded by Ehrhardt, to approve the 7 December 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Ealy reported that there are 19 curriculum proposals that still need review and there are four council meetings remaining in the academic year.

Ex Officio Slawinski reported the Executive Board meeting schedule.

Reports of University Representatives

Martini did not provide the WMUx report.

Witschi did not provide a curriculum report.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Cumming did not provide a Transfer of Credit Committee report.

Martini joined the meeting at 4 p.m.

Lopez attended the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Ealy did not provide the Service Learning Course Approval Committee charges.

Ealy did not provide the Transfer of Credit Committee charges.

Ealy did not provide a review of the USC charges.

Riggs provided an update with revisions of the goals and objectives completed to improve measurability with the use of Bloom's Revised Taxonomy for curriculum proposal USC_CFA52021_Mus_New Minor-JazzStudies.Fall2022. Rathbun noted a spelling error regarding statement #9, "pallet" versus "palette," which was corrected.

[MOTION] It was moved by Riggs, and seconded by Slawinski, to approve proposal USC_CFA52021_Mus_New Minor-JazzStudies.Fall2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Baker, Cork, Droppers, Edwards, Hearit, Klekar-Cunningham, Li, Yuanlong Liu, Rathbun, and Wagle were in attendance for discussion of curriculum proposal USC_CEH1155_HPHE_New-Major-EventMgt.Fall22. Discussion was held. Cork provided an overview of the proposal development. Questions were raised regarding academic outcomes, degree of rigor, potential conflicts of interest, market research, learning outcomes, interdisciplinarity, program duplication, the use of courses in other programs, contextual importance, degree cohesiveness, collaboration, sharing of expertise to facilitate meaningful student degree paths, effects on enrollment, potential bias in advising, and the requirements of WMU Essential Studies courses. Slawinski suggested the proposal be postponed until revisions are made to the student learning outcomes and inclusion of Bloom's Revised Taxonomy.

[MOTION] It was moved by Riggs, seconded by Ehrhardt, to postpone proposal USC_CEH1155_HPHE_New-Major-EventMgt.Fall22. With two abstentions, the motion carried.

New Business

Weideman presented a summary of curriculum proposals GSC & USC_CEH1158_New-ADP-ExerciseScience.Fall22, USC_CEH1181_HPHE_ChangeTitle-Minor-SportsCoaching.Fall22, and USC_CEH1183_HPHE_New-Minor-StrengthConditioning.Fall22, and addressed questions.

Curriculum proposals USC_CEH1180a_SPLS_ChangeTitle-Major-ElementaryPK-3. Fall22 and GSC&USC_CAS21-22_REL_ChangeTitle-Master-ComparativeReligion.Fall22 were postponed to the next meeting.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Bush, seconded by Birnbaum, to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Undergraduate Studies Council will meet next on 8 February 2022, via Webex at 3 pm.

Approval

Submitted by Steven D. Eberth, Secretary

Minutes approved on 8 February 2022.