
Undergraduate Studies Council

Minutes of 8 February 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Studies Council was called to order at 3:04 p.m. on 8 February 2022, virtually via Webex by Clifton Ealy Jr., chair.

Members in Attendance: Mert Atilhan (substitute for Colin MacCreery), Jessica Birnbaum, Deanna Bush, Clifton Ealy, Steven Eberth, Kristal Ehrhardt, Lori Grey, Anthony Helms (substitute for Irma Lopez), Dawn Mason, Diane Riggs, Mary-Louise Totton

Member Absent: Carrie Cumming, Elisha Ewing, Ashlynn Jackson, Nicolas Witschi, Kelly Wittenberg

Advisory Members Present: Betsy Drummer, Tammy Morgan (substitute for Edwin Martini)

Ex Officio: Scott Slawinski

Guest(s): Carla Chase, Interim Associate Dean, Health and Human Services; Virginia David, Special Education and Literacy Studies; Janet Hahn, Interdisciplinary Health; Mark Kelley, Interdisciplinary Health; Carol Weideman, Human Performance and Health Education

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

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[MOTION] It was moved by Riggs, seconded by Slawinski, to approve the 11 January 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Ealy reported that he anticipates the council will be able to complete review of all outstanding proposals before the end of the academic year. Eberth's grant and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott were recognized.

Ex Officio Slawinski reported on the awarding of student posthumous degrees and the possibility of changes to the student code.

Lopez joined the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Reports of University Representatives

Martini did not provide the WMUx report.

Witschi did not provide a curriculum report.

Birnbaum joined the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Cumming did not provide a Transfer of Credit Committee report.

Unfinished Business

Ealy raised a question of transfer credits in relation to the Service Learning Course Approval Committee charges. Bush questioned the creation of service-learning procedures, which Ealy clarified.

[MOTION] It was moved by Slawinski, seconded by Riggs, to accept the committee charge to create procedures. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Riggs stated that the student learning outcomes for proposal USC_CEHD1155_HPHE_New-Major-EventMgt.Fall22 had been updated since the last meeting. Ealy asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Totton asked about the establishment of an advisor for the program, which was verified by Ehrhardt and Mason, and that it was addressed in the teaching resources section. Eberth called for a secret ballot given the extent of discussion at the previous meeting. Survey Monkey was used to conduct the vote.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ehrhardt, seconded by Riggs, to approve proposal USC_CEHD1155_HPHE_New-Major-EventMgt.Fall22 with the revisions to the student learning outcomes. With two abstentions, four votes against, and five votes in favor, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal GSC&USC_CEHD1158_New-ADP-ExerciseScience.Fall22, noting it was a title change.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ehrhardt, seconded by Bush, to approve proposal GSC&USC_CEHD1158_New-ADP-ExerciseScience.Fall22 as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal USC_CEHD1180a_SPLS_ChangeTitle-Major-ElemEdPK-3. Fall22, noting it was a title change.

[MOTION] It was moved by Bush, seconded by Gray, to approve proposal USC_CEHD1180a_SPLS_ChangeTitle-Major-ElemEdPK-3.Fall22 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ealy introduced proposal USC_CEHD1181_HPHE_ChangeTitle-Minor-SportsCoaching.Fall22 noting it was a title change.

[MOTION] It was moved by Riggs, seconded by Bush, to approve proposal USC_CEHD1181_HPHE_ChangeTitle-Minor-SportsCoaching.Fall22 as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal USC_CEHD1183_HPHE_New-Minor-StrengthConditioning.Fall22, noting it was a title change.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ehrhardt, seconded by Slawinski, to approve proposal USC_CEHD1183_HPHE_New-Minor-StrengthConditioning.Fall22 as presented. With two abstentions, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal GSC&USC_CAS21-22_REL_ChangeTitle-Master-ComparativeReligion.Fall22, noting it was a title change. Riggs noted a typo and grammatical errors in the proposal, which she will correct. The proposal was already approved by the Graduate Studies Council.

[MOTION] It was moved by Bush, seconded by Gray, to approve proposal GSC&USC_CAS21-22_REL_ChangeTitle-Master-ComparativeReligion.Fall22 as presented. With three abstentions, the motion carried.

New Business

Ealy introduced proposals USC_CEHD1182a_HPHE_New-Cont-ExerScience-HumanPerformance.Fall22, USC_CEHD1182b_HPHE_New-Cont-ExerScience-ClinicalPre-Prof.Fall22, and USC_CEHD1182c_HPHE-New-Cont-ExercScience-StrengthConditioning.Fall22.

[MOTION] It was moved by Slawinski, seconded by Bush, to approve all three proposals as presented. With three abstentions for proposal USC_CEHD1182a_HPHE_New-Cont-ExerScience-HumanPerformance.Fall22, and two abstentions for proposals USC_CEHD1182b_HPHE_New-Cont-ExerScience-ClinicalPre-Prof.Fall22, and USC_CEHD1182c_HPHE-New-Cont-ExercScience-StrengthConditioning.Fall22, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal USC_CHHS24-21_SIHP_New-Major-HealthAdmin.Fall22, noting it was a new major in Health Administration.

[MOTION] It was moved by Riggs, seconded by Ehrhardt, to approve proposal USC_CHHS24-21_SIHP_New-Major-HealthAdmin.Fall22 as presented. With three abstentions, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal USC_CAS21-124_MATH_Deletion-Major-ElementaryMiddleMath.Fall21, noting it as a deletion of a math major.

[MOTION] It was moved by Bush, seconded by Lopez, to approve proposal USC_CAS21-124_MATH_Deletion-Major-ElementaryMiddleMath.Fall21 as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Ealy introduced proposal USC_CAS21-125_MATH_Deletion-Minor-ElementaryMiddleMath.Fall21, noting it as a deletion of a math minor.

[MOTION] It was moved by Bush, seconded by Lopez, to approve proposal USC_CAS21-125_MATH_Deletion-Minor-ElementaryMiddleMath.Fall21 as presented. With two abstentions, the motion carried.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Lopez, seconded by Bush, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Undergraduate Studies Council will meet next on 15 May 2022, via Webex at 3 pm.

Approval

Submitted by Steven D. Eberth, Secretary

Minutes approved on 15 March 2022.