

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Members in Attendance: D. Barbeau, E. Blessing, M. Barber, C. Boyd, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, L. Fenneberg, E. Freeburg, T. Gasmi, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, L. Israel, K. Ravindra, L. Sweetman, K. Thatcher, S. Tyuse.

Guests: Pam Wald, Brett Magill and Jeanne Melton

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes from the February 4, 2015 Meeting:

Motion made by Sabrina Tyuse to approve February 4, 2015 meeting minutes without revisions and seconded by Elizabeth Blessing - motion unanimously approved.

Updates:

Academic Programs

- Global Gateway Program- shared with the committee the summary of changes the program incorporated into the program proposal based on feedback from UAAC.
- Forensic Science Program – approved by the BOT at the February 2015 meeting.
- Modern Languages and Intercultural Communication – Madrid – proposal endorsed by CADD at February meeting and the VPAA. No further approval needed.
- Chinese Minor – proposal has been updated and will be reviewed by CADD at March meeting.

Academic Policy Updates

Undergraduate Academic Policy Proposals/Revisions- Committee was presented with 4 policy proposals (final examination postponement, grade appeal, course drop/withdraw, withdrawing from Saint Louis University) and 3 policies removed from the Undergraduate Catalog. Committee members were asked to distribute to their academic units for feedback, therefore, will table further discussion until April. Jay Haugen is available for greater discussion within academic units.

New Academic Programs – No new majors, minors or certificates

Informational updates: Administrative restructuring of teacher licensing programs at SLU – Dean Freeburg

Points of interest were:

- SPS and CEPS have determined that this new organizational model is the *best* model to serve the students. There will be no program changes as a result of this new organizational model.
- New rules and guidelines for K-12 for Fall 2017 will likely have some impact on curriculum for the academic program.

- This change will be effective July 1, 2015. SPS will teach out the BA Program students currently enrolled.

MCAT Prep Updates – Jeanne Melton

Points of interest:

- Group received summary *Preparations for MCAT 2015* document – including a recommended sequence of pre-med courses for non-science majors.
- The changes have been in motion for about 2 ½ years without much guidance from MCAT on what preparation will be necessary – only general ideas on content and structure of changes from MCAT.
- Biology renamed one of their courses to biochemistry.
- Continue to encourage students to set up a time to meet with Pre-Professional Health Studies (PPHS) for their secondary advising if pre-med student – PPHS is the primary advisor for med scholar students.
- Approximately 200 students on campus will take the MCAT.
- Ric Colignon and Janet Kuebli are piloting a course combining sociology and psychology to meet the preparation needs of our pre-med students. This will be a pilot for Fall 2015 with a 20 student max.
- Jack Kennell in Biology has a group working on course mapping for MCAT preparation.

Undergraduate Time to Degree Interviews

Points of interest:

- The group received the *Undergraduate Time to Degree Interview* ppt and undergraduate time to degree interview qualitative data narratives. Group presented the data and held a Q&A session.

ROTC- Sabrina Tyuse

Points of interest:

- Sabrina presented a ppt with history of ROTC credit from institutions in the area and at SLU. Identified how ROTC courses can be incorporated as elective credit.

Old Business

- Both agenda items, Substantive Change Form and Academic Definitions, updates were tabled until April meeting due to time constraints.

Announcements

1. Jay Haugen announced that the University is no longer using PIN #'s for non-priority undergraduate student's registration.
2. Plan to bring a final draft of University-wide Academic Integrity Policy to UAAC in April to share with their academic units for final feedback.
3. The Undergraduate Academic Policy Task Force has been charged with drafting a definition for BS and BA for SLU.

4. University-wide Academic Program Review draft is in final written and verbal feedback revision stages.
5. Four members of the Shared Undergraduate SLU Educational Experience Steering Committee attended the February General Education and Assessment Meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am