

Academic Policy Committee

Approved Minutes for meeting on October 23rd 2015

Members present: Marlin Adams, Bernie Anderson, Darren Broome, Cindy Casebeer, Christy Flatt, Jeffery Knighton, Michael Mahan, Anne Purvis, Stephen Raynie, Brenda Rutherford, Kris Beck,

Members absent: Lynn Rumfelt, Tony Pearson, Melvin Seale

Guests: Ed Whitelock

Meeting started at 2 P.M. with quorum of members present.

1. Approval of minutes.
 - Minutes approved Sept 16th meeting
2. Proposal for new course Arts 2221, Digital Photography
 - Ed Whitelock – course will meet Area F .
 - Course was approved
3. Proposals for changes to formatting of forms
 - Janet Barras – the forms are not changing just the way forms appear.
 - Janet wants to add the effective date.
 - Steve Rainey – Need to be able to answer if classes are repeatable for credit, if a new course will satisfy the overlay. We will need to bring up at the next meeting.
 - Changes to formatting were approved.
 - a. Alter a baccalaureate program
 - b. Alter an area F
 - c. Alter existing course proposal
 - d. Eliminate an area F
 - e. Eliminate current course proposal
 - f. New course proposal
 - g. New honors course proposal
 - h. New program proposal
4. Proposal to change Psychology area F
 - Motion to table until Barry Kicklighter returns.
5. Proposal to change English baccalaureate program

Proposal: Revise English BA Program

Date: 13 Oct. 2015

Submitted by: Edward Whitelock, Department Head

Explanation and Justification for changes:

1. Observation and student response to graduation surveys both call for Increase in grammar instruction in baccalaureate program. Proposed response:

- a. Discontinue ENGL 3910 (Advanced Composition and Grammar)
- b. Create ENGL 3912 (Advanced Grammar)
 - i. Required of all B.A. English students
 - ii. Full-length course devoted to advanced grammar
 - iii. Advanced grammar course will address student and faculty concerns regarding level of grammar instruction for graduates.
- c. Create ENGL 3911 (Advanced Composition)
 - i. Required of Track 1 and Track 3 B.A. English students
 - ii. Track 2 English Teaching Certification do not have room in program
 - iii. Full-length course on advanced composition beneficial to liberal arts and communication students and common to many B.A. English programs.
2. Addition of COMM 3930 (Public Relations) as an elective counting towards the Professional Communication track of the degree.
3. Change to English Minor:
 - a. Original: Required Course: ENGL 3910
 - b. Revision: Required Course: Choose between ENGL 3911 or ENGL 3912

Note: Above changes to program do not add additional credits to degree requirements.

- Motion passed
6. Discussion of changes to Board of Regents policy manual
 - Jeff Knighton – core courses no longer area F. Area A – E = 42 hours.
 - Due to problems with SAC approval, state colleges will be approving only three degrees. For example, we will no longer have an Associate in Sociology and will change to an Associate in Science.
 - We can apply to approve standalone degrees that have sufficiently coherent courses to be major field of study. We have only a few programs that may fit the description, fine arts, business administration, and education.
 - Is it viable to request a music major when we have so few music majors? Is it worth it to do a yearly assessment and comprehensive degree? We will have to figure out assessment since not part of the core is it part of bachelor.

Christy Flatt, Substitute Recorder