

Faculty Council College of Arts and Sciences
February 3, 2022 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Minutes

1. Approval of December Minutes

3:30

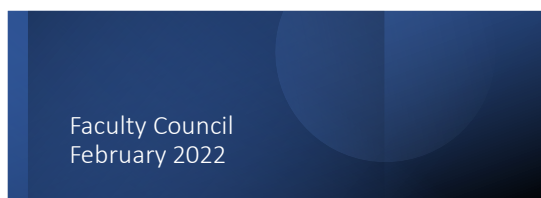
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December 2021 Minutes at:

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2. Dean Donna LaVoie, Remarks

3:40



Dean's Remarks



- Start of semester
- Courses shifted temporarily online
 - 108 total courses shifted online; as of 2/2/22 only 28 remained so
- COVID reminders
 - Dashboard
 - Internal events CAN resume
 - Proof of boosters due 2/28



- College Reorg
 - Working on financial allocations
 - Sent out a call to chairs for nominees for 2 general faculty advisory groups to the dean
 - Development priorities
 - Research/scholarship priorities



- New core
- Full launch in the fall
 - Department chairs have been asked to lead department discussions on:
 - examining current major requirements as related to changes that may result from new core
 - Contributing new courses to the core



3. FC President’s Remarks **3:55**

4. Committee Reports **4:05**

a. Board of Graduate Education report and motion:

Background files at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sQWANURy7dGQp4jwprNPAXCe8IJBmBYM?usp=sharing>

Board of Graduate Education Committee Motions for the Faculty Council Meeting of January 21, 2022.

I carry from the Board of Graduate Education to the Faculty Council the seconded motion to approve the following course addition and modification

From the Department of Biology

Course Addition

BIOL 5461: Exercise Physiology

From the Department of Computer Science

Course Modification

CSCI 5090: Computer Science Colloquium

Change credit hours from simply “one” to variable “zero or one.”

Motion approved.

d. Core Curriculum Committee No report.

e. Curriculum Committee (Undergraduate) – report and motion:

**Motion to Present to February Meeting of Faculty Council
(revised 2-3-220)**

On behalf of the committee, I move that the council approve the following additions, deletions, and changes that were approved at the December and January meetings of the undergraduate curriculum committee.

Background files:

December:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q9L8WVwtsil3i85WOtmwTncM_tZ0AbyX?usp=sharing

January: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LgC4D0NqwtLEjQ3Bsqdt5pbP12UllcVj?usp=sharing>

From the Department of American Studies

Change in course title only

- ASTD 3100: Making the American City
 - (from Making the American City: Culture, Space, & 20th-century U.S. Urbanisms)
- ASTD 1000: Intro to American Culture: Movements, Myths, and Methods
 - (from Investigating America: An Introduction to American Studies)
- ASTD 2500: American Identities and Communities
 - (from Topics in American Identities and Communities)

Change in course title and description

ASTD 4960: Senior Workshop: Crafting the American Studies Thesis

from: Senior capstone

Update description for required senior capstone course in American Studies; change title to convey more accurately the main course activity (workshop on writing the senior thesis) to prospective and current majors.

From the Department of Biology

Course Number Change and Change in Pre-requisites

BIOL 4460: Exercise Physiology (from BIOL 3480)

The changes requested include to change number from 3480 to 4460 and to add prerequisite: BIOL 3040 Cell Structure and Function

From the Department of English

New Course

ENGL 3625 : The Sacramental Imagination: Modern American Catholicism in Literature, Rhetoric, and Film

This is a new course that directly engages the university's mission and identity by providing students an opportunity to connect Catholic thought and culture to literature, rhetoric, and writing. Literature written about Catholicism has been a major part of American literary culture since at least the Second World War, but up until now the department of English has not had a course dedicated to these developments. English 3625 redresses this gap.

From the Program of Film Studies

Change in the Film Studies minor

CAS intends to move this Minor into the Dept. of Communication. The move will allow for intentional faculty oversight, administrative assistant support, and the naming of a Program Director with film production expertise. These changes are in keeping with external evaluation recommendations. The industry has an expectation of both film and media knowledge/expertise. Student interest, at SLU and nationally, is increasingly in the area of production/creation.

From the Center for Health Care Ethics

New Program

This is a new proposal for a 3+3 Accelerated Bioethics and Health Studies BA/JD program.

From the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: *Italian*

New Course

ITAL 3030 : Advanced Oral Communication in Italian

This new course expands existing Italian offerings by developing advanced oral expression and intercultural communication skills. It also aims to contribute to the new University Core Ep2 component.

From the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: *Latin*

New Course

LATN 2020: Intermediate Latin: Language & Expression

This course's primary focus will be to concentrate on Latin as it exists in the Classical, Vulgar and Medieval written metrical corpus of poetry, oratory and drama. It will review Latin grammar at the intermediate level, expand knowledge of Latin vocabulary and examine advanced Latin syntax, rhetoric and meter to achieve reading comprehension of texts written in original Latin.

Course Change Request – Course Description Change

LATN 2010: Intermediate Latin: Language & Literature

New course description to explain how this course, LATN 2010, is distinct and different from LATN 2020 which is a new course.

From the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: *Russian*

Course Deletions

The Russian Studies program no longer requires one-credit stand-alone courses as part of the major. The program is simplifying the major requirements and removing old courses that will no longer be needed for the major or the old core. Therefore, they would like to delete the following courses:

- RUSS 2610: Russian Fairy Tales
- RUSS 2630: Soviet Agents/Spies on Screen: Filming Espionage in the East and West
- RUSS 3060: Russian Readings & Digital Resources in Cultural Contexts
- RUSS 3200: Saints and Sinners in Russian Literature and Film: 19 c.
- RUSS 3330: Lev Tolstoy: Writer, Soldier, Lover, Activist
- RUSS 4110: Language and Linguistics
- RUSS 4150: Topics in Russian Grammar
- RUSS 4200: Topics in Russian Literature
- RUSS 4400: Pragmatics of Conversation

Course Description Changes

The requests below are to change the course descriptions for the following courses:

- RUSS 2010: Intermediate Russian: Language and Culture I
- RUSS 2020: Intermediate Russian: Language and Culture II

Course Description, pre-requisites, and title changes

The requests below are to change the course descriptions and the titles for the following courses:

- RUSS 1010: Russian from the Beginning I *from* RUSS 1010: Communicating in Russian I
- RUSS 1020: Russian from the Beginning II *from* RUSS 1020: Communicating in Russian II

- RUSS 3010: Communicating in Russian: The Arts *from* RUSS 3010: Oral and Written Proficiency in Russian I
- RUSS 3020: Communicating in Russian: History and Politics *from* RUSS 3020: Oral and Written Proficiency in Russian II
- RUSS 4010: Presenting Research in Russian *from* RUSS 4010: Fluency in Russian

Change in Russian Studies major

Up to nine credit hours may be transferred for the Russian Studies, B.A.

The 4010 class must be at SLU for assessment purposes.

The literature courses have been categorized in a more logical sequence for Russian Studies. Film and digital studies is now a separate category. An internship option has been offered to accommodate study abroad changes. Old courses are being removed in preparation for the new core and the possibility of creating new courses at the 4000 level.

Change in Russian Studies Minor

Up to nine credit hours may be transferred for the Russian Studies, Minor.

There are some additional possibilities for adding courses that have been substituted in the past or were newly added courses that were never on the minor list.

From the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: Spanish

Change in course titles and course descriptions.

In the Spanish program we are trying to adjust to the changes with the University Core, as well as simply updating the titles and descriptions for the lower-level (1000-2000) level courses for future population shifts. The content/textbooks/experiences will primarily be the same, however, we want to target more specific student populations in each course. In addition, we will not be offering 0-credit labs starting next academic year, and we want this to be reflected in the catalogue and/or in Banner. The following courses are affected:

- SPAN 1010
- SPAN 1020
- SPAN 1200
- SPAN 2010

From the Program of Neuroscience

New Course

NEUR 4869 : Critical Thinking about Neuroscience

This is a new course created because “we need to increase the number of capstone options for neuroscience majors.”

Program change

The Neuroscience program would like to make modifications to the Neuroscience major: (1) replace the requirement for PHIL 4280 with a Humanities requirement, (2) the addition of three Anthropology courses and one Biology course (BIOL 4720: Cancer Biology) to the list of Neuroscience electives, and (3) the addition of the new course: NEUR 4869 Critical Thinking about Neuroscience.

From the Department of Philosophy

New Course

PHIL 4315: Applying Ethics: Reflecting on Particular Moral Issues

This course has been taught on the Madrid campus since the fall of 2017. This request is to make this course a permanent course which can have attributes applied to it (at a later date). This course will attract students towards the discipline of philosophy and will widen the options in Madrid so that students can have more choices towards the Major of Philosophy.

From the Department of Political Science

Change in the Political Science Major

Courses currently meet subfield requirements for the major by their course number. For example, a course typically meets the comparative politics requirement if its course number's second digit is a 5. The below changes requirements to be if a course meets the comparative politics requirement if it has a "POLS Comparative Politics Requirement" attribute. Permanent attributes would be assigned to all comparative politics classes, so nothing in the current curriculum would change.

Change to the Public Policy Concentration within the Major

Reviewers please note, this document assumes the approval of changes to the general political science major, which is co-currently submitted. There are two main proposed changes. First we propose to change the structure of the concentration requirements. Students with the public policy concentration are currently required to take five public policy-oriented courses: two core, two electives, and one seminar. The proposed structure change would allow current core or seminar courses to count as elective courses if taken in excess of the core and seminar requirements. For example, if a student took POLS 2200, 2220, and 2600 (all core classes), POLS 2200 and POLS 2220 would count towards the core, and then POLS 2600 could count as one of the students two needed electives. Second, we propose to change some of the courses offered in the concentration to better reflect courses regularly offered by the Department.

Change in Prerequisites

The Political Science department is making requirements more uniform for 4000-level POLS seminars. Therefore, a number of courses have pre-req changes requested:

- POLS 4130: Race Class and Punishment
- POLS 4500: Russian Political Culture
- POLS 4126: Sexuality and the Law
- POLS 4325: Public Sector Budgeting
- POLS 4340: Issues in Public Policy
- POLS 4510: Democratization (also a name change from seminar)
- POLS 4520: Political Change
- POLS 4530: Authoritarian Politics: Rigging Elections and Clinging to Power
- POLS 4590: Crisis of Leadership
- POLS 4610: International Relations: Theory and Practice
- POLS 4630: The European Union: Politics and Political Economy
- POLS 4662: International Challenges

Change in course description and prerequisites

POLS 2000: Methods in Political Science

Changing the course description to better reflect the content of the course. Additionally changing the pre-requisite and restrictions to limit the class to majors and minors only. Given the POLS department increase in majors, we do not have the resources to offer this course to non-majors and minors.

Requestor: Steven Rogers (confirmed)

From the Program of Russian and East European Area Studies

Change in the Russian and East European Area Studies minor

The proposed change addresses three challenges facing the Russian and East European Area Studies minor:

1. a key faculty member from the History department has retired, and there are no immediate plans for replacement
2. the present version of the Russian and East European Area Studies minor has usually had low enrollment
3. conducting student outcome assessment in a program in which students take courses in a variety of departments in whatever order works best for the rest of their schedule

From the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Program change – Forensic Science

This is a request to change the Forensic Science major. The brief description of the proposed change is as follows: “Increase the number of credit hours for the major by a net of +2: A) Addition of FRSC 2800 to requirements for major (+2), B) Create capstone experience options and remove 4020 practicum requirement (+0). Note: Previously removed 1 credit from FRSC 3620, 3630, and 4550 lectures to add new course (FRSC 2800)”

Motion approved.

f. Academic Honesty Committee – 3 class A cases, which were not appealed, so they did not go to the committee; one new class B case, currently ongoing.

Nominations Committee – recent calls for nominations; new Chair for Academic Affairs Committee.

g. Rank and Tenure Committee – no report

h. Technology Committee: Continuing discussions about Technology Committee representation in the new Faculty Council.

Draft Motion to Construct a Provisional Assembly

4:35

Discussion (*See attached, revised document.*)

Discussion:

Most of the discussion concerned representation of small vs. large departments at the Provisional Assembly (PA). There were several proposals to charge the PA to consider proportional representation. As the discussion proceeded, FC members proposed and voted on several friendly amendments.

FC members also raised questions about the ratification process. The procedure will be determined by the Provisional Assembly, but must occur outside that body.

Small departments can work together to identify representatives, i.e., one faculty member may represent two departments, and each department will retain one vote.

The Assembly will work on bylaws while the FC is still engaged in College business. Although there were several proposals concerning representation, the FC voted to leave the process to the PA for deliberation.

The final, amended resolution is attached below.

Faculty Senate Report **4:40**

Discussed proposed policy on gift acceptance for centers and institutes.

UAAC/GAAC **4:50**

UUAAC is asking for comments from faculty regarding the extension of the late course Withdrawal policy put into effect last semester. Please send comments to the committee Chair, Jennifer Rust, Jennifer.rust@slu.edu.

New Business / Old Business **5:15**

Adjournment

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Final, revised resolution on the Provisional Assembly

Whereas the new composition of the College of Arts and Sciences is a fundamental change to the shape of the College community,

And whereas the existing Faculty Council represents an old configuration of departments and processes no longer wholly relevant to the newly constituted College,

And whereas the rules for this new community must be developed with wide deliberation, participation, and efforts to find agreement,

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council moves that the Faculty Council create a new structure, the Provisional Assembly, to supervise the writing and ratification of bylaws for a new governing body for the reimagined College of Arts and Sciences. The PA will consider various mechanisms for representing various size departments.

The following departments and programs are invited to send a representative to the Provisional Assembly:

- African American Studies
- American Studies
- Biology
- Communication
- English
- Fine and Performing Arts

Health Care Ethics
History
Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Mathematics and Statistics
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology and Anthropology
Theological Studies
Women's and Gender Studies

Until the PA decides otherwise, each of these units will have one vote, and the units can decide who casts it. As much as possible, the PA will strive for consensus on key elements of the new permanent governing body. At its first meeting, with the President of the Faculty Council acting temporarily as moderator, the Provisional Assembly will elect a chair and secretary. The PA will decide upon and announce ratification procedures for the new bylaws.