

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Members in Attendance: E. Blessing, C. Boyd, R. Cole, R. Colignon, S. Dina, L. Dorsey, S. Fanale, J. Gilman, M. Grawitch, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, B. Emo, A. Knezetic, J. Langan, D. Lohe, I. Ruebling, B. Sokol, K. Thatcher, J. Welch

Guests: Katie Gauthier Donnelly, John Buerck, Laurie Mazzuca

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

Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2014 Subcommittee Meeting:

Motion made by Craig Boyd to approve February 12, 2014 meeting minutes without revisions and seconded by Brett Emo - motion unanimously approved. Approval of February UAAC Faculty Subcommittee meeting minutes as result of February UAAC full meeting cancelled, therefore subcommittee meeting served as full meeting for the month of February.

Updates:

Global Citizenship Competency – the Center for Global Citizenship would like to propose an opportunity for students to receive a globally-oriented education and recognize this University-wide multidisciplinary experience through a certification. This opportunity (draft proposal) includes a reflective piece linking to other programs and co-curricular opportunities on campus (handout).

- This appears to be a great opportunity to link academic and co-curricular activities with regard to local and global initiatives, especially for student who can't study abroad - this provides students an opportunity to engage in global issues.
- Need to consciously think about how to accommodate distance students.
- Given the experiential components proposed would any study abroad experiences work? This is a good question for the faculty/staff/student development task force to discuss – CGC is looking for faculty volunteers/nominations to work on this topic to assist with establishing criteria.
- Is there anything that would be excluded from counting for this initiative (language, geography, etc.)? Is this an immersion experience (keeping in mind Jesuit pedagogy - reflection, etc.)
- Suggestion – may want to record the sessions so they can be used in other courses on campus to teach cultural competency in our classes? Perhaps the lessons learned and student reflections could be visible to the larger SLU community as a learning tool.
- Are there students on the task force? The task force will likely consist of a representative from all 8 distinct groups within the CGC along with students and staff.

UAAC Madrid Process

- When proposing academic major offered in completion on Madrid campus completion of the *SLU Programs at the Madrid Campus* document is required.
- When academic programming is a collaborative effort with an existing academic program on Saint Louis Campus – informational summary to UAAC identifying program and curricular highlights and benefits to the campuses and students.

New Programs

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science – Dr. Richard Colignon

Notes of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- Originally proposed as secondary major due to modest resource pool and many students who participated in the certificate program in the past were already bio and chem majors. Therefore there was an opportunity to double count the science credits and offer a second major. However, University policy limits secondary majors (April 2013). This will now be reviewed as a primary major.
 - Concerns as a primary major:
 - Impact on chemistry and biology core courses capacity. Dr. Buchner has indicated chemistry can accommodate the change. Waiting to hear from Dr. Wood (biology).
 - Additional advising responsibility with the change to a primary major beyond the abilities of the program director in order to provide sufficient primary major advising.
- There is no impact on accreditation with the change to primary major- all courses will be on-ground courses.
- Likely 25 students of interest, however, Dr. Colignon will work with Dean Gilman on inquiry admission data. This will assist in identifying a program cap if necessary.
- Certificate may really take off - students would need a practicum. Will research the number of practicum opportunities available to see how many students can be placed, as this may be a limitation in number of students admitted into major. FS will have enough capacity in their courses.
- May want to review the pedagogy of the curriculum, i.e., courses face to face, hybrid or on-line. There may be a need to go hybrid in the future - the major may force itself into a hybrid or on-line pedagogy.
- Within the major there are choices for the biology courses. The accrediting agency allows for flexibility within biology courses chosen, but it does have to have lab science. Curriculum requires 12 credits in hard science.
- Consideration of the FS major as a primary major is currently being considered by the Dean of A&S. Dr. Colignon will work to complete the certificate proposal form.

SPS CIS- Madrid – Dr. John Buerck

Points of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- Provided a SPS CIS Madrid document highlighting the collaboration and the international teaching opportunity with one of the Madrid faculty.
- This collaboration provides opportunities for students in Madrid to complete this degree.
- Nothing is different from the current 4 year experience on Saint Louis campus.
- Learning outcomes and assessment plan are unchanged and map to the university and ABET outcomes.
- How are the requirements of the minor and certificate different? They aren't, the prerequisite courses are the same-18 credits for the minor and 18 for the certificate. They require the same credits and content, however, students have 3 options- if they are pursuing a degree and wanted to minor in an area they would pursue the minor. If the student already has a bachelor's degree they would get a certificate.

Bachelor of Arts – Psychology, Madrid-Dr. Laire Mazzuca

Points of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- Same degree offered in St. Louis - one semester requirement for study at Saint Louis campus (9 credit residency requirement written in by Saint Louis campus).
- High demand in Spain 3rd most pop major - have had to turn away students in the past.
- Benefit to offer major on both campuses - more faculty exchanges and opportunities for students.
- Enhance the Psychology Department to offer full major in Madrid.
- Students have the option of becoming bilingual which would assist with practicing as a bilingual psychologist in the future - this is unique to our campus and Madrid.

Academic Policies:

Credit by examination (revisions)

- Jay H. met with MCL with regard to the use of the term satisfying and student's not receiving credit. The department representatives were in agreement with the new policy proposal as written.
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- The university may need a waiver for credit by examination.

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Study Abroad

- We count both grades through SLU study abroad and exchanges -all grades count toward the students GPA.
- These are SLU approved courses.
- SLU utilizes the world education services - needs to be SLU approved language.

Repeating Courses (revisions)

- Added financial language – Jay H. reviewing accuracy with financial services.
- Recommendation to remove the term "new" for federal guidelines.

Leave of Absence (LOA) – full semester (revisions)

- New language honors a student's request to take care of family, etc. and take some courses during LOA in order to continue to make progress.
- Registrar's Office will access the national clearinghouse database to identify students who are taking courses at another institution during LOA without approval.
- LOA does not occur during the middle of a semester – this is a withdraw as a result of medical reasons, etc. On occasion these situations can be reviewed as an LOA request for extenuating circumstances at the Dean's discretion.
- Should there be specific program/department approval/sign off?

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am