

## **Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

**Members in Attendance:** D. Barbeau, E. Blessing, M. Barber, C. Boyd, R. Cole, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, B. Emo, T. English, S. Fanale, E. Freeburg, J. Gilman, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, D. Lohe, K. Mitchell, J. Palmer (sub for Joanne Langan), I. Ruebling, K. Thatcher, E. Trevathan, S. Tyuse, J. Welch

**Guests:** John Buerck, Matt Grawitch, and Steve Sanchez.

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

### **Approval of Minutes from the May 7, 2014 Meeting:**

Motion made by Craig Boyd to approve May 7, 2014 meeting minutes without revisions and seconded by Sabrina Tyuse – 21 motion approved, 1 abstain.

### **Updates:**

*Academic Programs-* Middle East Studies and Catholic Education Minor were endorsed by CADD and approved by the VPAA.

### *Academic Policy Updates*

- University-Wide Academic Program Review- a task force developed a draft academic program review policy last academic year. The policy has been reviewed by CADD and will begin the vetting process across campus. Academic program review will also be piloted with 4 academic programs this academic year. UAAC will receive the policy for review at the October meeting.
- University-Wide Academic Integrity Policy – During the spring/summer 2014 a task force developed a draft academic integrity policy. This policy is currently being reviewed by multiple stakeholder groups on campus for feedback and will be presented to SGA in October. UAAC will receive this policy for review at the October meeting.
- Academic Definitions Document-UAAC endorsed the academic definitions document in the spring of 2013. In light of the many updates/changes in academic policies/processes this academic year, it has been recommended that the document is updated and brought to UAAC this year. UAAC to review at a future date.

*UAAC 2014-2015 Roster* – the roster has been updated and loaded on the AA website.

### **New Academic Programs –**

**BS Forensic Science –** Richard Colignon

Points of interest in consideration of this proposal were reviewed per request:

- Updated proposal and assessment plan as a primary major; went through CAS approval system.
- Market potential good; designed to be a small major – limited by clinical site placement, only 10 clinical opportunities available.

- Will possibly assist with retention of pre-med students.
- Criminology is not included in the curriculum as the major is bench science focused not crime focused.
- The major home is in the Department of Anthropology & Sociology vs chem or bio even though it is heavily focused in these 2 areas – chem/bio are integrated into the program.
- Only 17 accredited programs in the U.S.
- Will review the admissions standards with Office of Admissions – freshman and transfer students apply directly to the University.

**BS Criminal Justice change to Security & Strategic Intelligence (SSI) (SPS) - Matt Grawitch and John Buerck**

Points of interest in consideration of this proposal were reviewed per request:

- Presented as informational item.
- Enrollment in CJ Program began to drop off, therefore, SPS revised the program by adding security management program. Enrollment increased temporarily and now beginning to drop off again. Worked with advisory board to identify best path for program future – result change in title and parts of curricula.
- New program have core SSI courses with specific tracks, similar to the CIS Program.
- Goal to develop bridge programs in the future with natural synergies on campus.
- There are courses in the curriculum that address cultural competence.

**Substantive Program Change-** Concerns were raised that changes presented in recent informational academic programming updates seem to be substantive and would benefit from full academic program review. A suggestion was put forth for the group to develop substantive change guidelines to propose to the deans.

**Major Change Presentation-** Dr. Steve Sanchez presented the 2009 Cohort Major Change data. Contact OIR or Dr. Sanchez if you would like for them to present the cohort data for your specific academic unit.

**Academic Policy Revisions-** Academic policy revisions were identified including adding the summer into the overload policy and the need to identify Veteran's in the priority registration policy.

Motion made by Robert Cole to approve the proposed updates and seconded by Elizabeth Blessing – unanimous approval.

**Old Business-** Stemming from Fr. Barber's updates with regard to CAS' discussions about the CAS core last year and subsequent query about a larger University community discussion about a common core, Fr. Barber was invited to present his query to CADD in May 2014. VP Harshman then invited the deans and/or undergraduate program directors from all SLU colleges or schools offering undergraduate programs to meet in July 2014. All who attended the meeting unanimously supported a University-wide dialogue throughout 2014-2015 to discuss the

SLU undergraduate educational experience.

### **Announcements**

1. Tommy English will be working with Dr. Carlin on a national and international awareness readership program.
2. Ric Colignon announced that sociology and psychology are collaborating on a course to accommodate the changes in the MCAT. Sociology will also be making changes in 110 to accommodate the changes in the MCAT.
3. John Cook School of Business will welcome a new dean January 1, 2015 – Dr. Mark Higgins. He will be joining us from Rhode Island.
4. The SON will undergo an accreditation visit in October.
5. Susan Fanale announced that the Faculty Engagement Model for LC's is in place for this fall.
6. The School for Professional Studies has a new dean, Dean Elizabeth Freeburg joined June 1, 2014.
7. The CTTL theme for this year is "Teaching Today's Students" – look for brown bag conversation opportunities this year.
8. The Doisy College of Health Sciences welcomed Dean Mardell Wilson on August 1, 2014.
9. CAS welcomes Dr. Gary Barker as the new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education.
10. The Department of Modern Classical Languages has changed names to Languages, Literatures and Cultures.
11. The Departments of Psychology, Sociology & Anthropology, Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and Medical Family Therapy have moved to Morrissey Hall.
12. Dr. Pestello will be visiting Madrid this week.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am