

University of South Florida
Undergraduate Council
Minutes for November 28, 2011

Present: Tom Pluckhahn, Ryan Toomey, Rick Austin, Jennifer Bosson, Hana Osman, Dell deChant, Brianne Stanback, Deidre Orriola, Kim McCormick

Absent: Chad Michaels, Denise Passmore

Guest/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Kathy Cole (UGS), Peter Harries (GS), Elizabeth Bell, Jerry Collins, Catherine Batsche, Bea Smith, Holly Hills, Larry Thompson, Hao Zheng, Ken Christensen, Bill Hayden

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

1. The minutes of November 14th, 2011 were approved.
2. Announcements
 - a. Re-activation of Minor in Art (Studio Concentration) – This minor was reactivated to serve non-Arts majors who are interested in supplementing their studies.
 - b. Discontinuation of the Environmental Plant Biology Track (part of the Environmental Biology Concentration) – The track will be stopped Fall 2012.
 - c. Academic Disruption Incidents & Reporting – Janet Moore discussed policy changes in the reporting of Academic Disruption Incidents. Changes allow for communication in Email, without only hard copies required. The regulation and form can now be found on the Undergraduate Studies web site.
3. Old Business
 - a. Updated catalog copy regarding Minors, Concentrations and Certificates – Janet Moore distributed revised language clarifying the requirements for Minors, Concentrations and Certificates for inclusion in the new catalog. This proposed language was reviewed and supported by the associate deans. It was distributed to UGC members at the last meeting for their review and input. The catalog language was **approved**.
4. Proposal Reviews
 - a. Previously Tabled Items
 - i. Community-engaged Homeland Security and Emergency Management certificate – This new certificate proposal was tabled by the UGC on 4/11/2011 so that the proposer could clarify certificate requirements and include final numbering of courses. Changes were made and the certificate was **approved**.
 - b. New Courses
 - i. COM4205 – Global & Cultural Issues in Health Communication – Course was **tabled** until more information is received from the proposer.
 - ii. CCJ4651 – Drugs and Crime – Course was **tabled** until more information is received from the proposer.
 - iii. MHS4XX5 – Adult Psychopathology in the Community – This course will review the experience of persons with mental illness in public service settings. Justice involvement, co-occurring disorders, funding streams, and evidence based practices will be discussed. Not restricted to majors; not repeatable. Course was **approved**.
 - iv. MHS4XX7 – Behavioral Health and the Family – This course covers ways that illness/injury affect the family of a person who is ill or injured; how family relations/behavioral patterns affect healing and return to good health; and how MH professionals serve families struggling with an ailing loved one. Course was **approved**.

- v. MHS4XX9 – Recovery-oriented Mental Health Services – This course describes the principles and practices of services that promote recovery and rehabilitation for individuals with severe mental illnesses, with special focus on integration of mental health consumers into meaningful community roles. Course was **approved**.
 - vi. WST4001 – Feminist Research Methods – The survey, design, and practice of qualitative and quantitative methods in feminist research. Restricted to majors; non-majors by permission of instructor. Course was **approved**.
- c. New Curriculum Proposals
- i. B.S. in Behavioral Healthcare – This proposal for a new Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences will address the urgent need for graduates trained in Mental Health and Substance abuse care. The program proposal requests no new resources, as it will draw upon existing faculty expertise and resources. The program will primarily prepare students for entry-level positions, but it is expected that many students will return for advanced degrees. This proposal was **approved**.
 - ii. BSAS Information Studies Concentration – This concentration within the BSAS program utilizes existing courses from the Information Studies program, and replaces the previous Information Technology concentration which has moved to USF Polytechnic. This proposal was **approved**.
 - iii. India Studies certificate – The certificate in India Studies is designed for majors in any field who wish to gain a broad knowledge of Indian culture and society. The proposal was **approved** with the understanding that the GEO Special Topics courses should be submitted for new course numbers.
- d. Existing Curriculum Changes
- i. Changes to B.A/B.S./B.S.W. program requirements in BCS – Changes remove old degree requirements for BCS majors, such as the limit on Physical Education credits, the limitation on ROTC coursework, the limitation on S/U course credit, and the requirement that a minimum of 80 credits be completed outside of the major. These requirements were carried over when the BCS majors split from CAS, and are no longer serving their original purposes. Changes were **approved**.
 - ii. Changes to B.A. in Music Studies – Changes restructure the Music Studies program to reduce the required amount of music/aural theory coursework and the conducting requirement, and increase the amount of elective credit, amongst other changes. Changes were **approved**.
 - iii. Policy changes for School of Music undergraduate programs – These changes seek to provide a mechanism to remove unsuccessful students from the Music program. The council discussed some issues with the way in which students are evaluated and put on a probationary period by these changes. The council **tabled** these changes so that changes can be made to the new policies.
 - iv. Computer Science program changes – Program changes seek to improve student time-to-degree by increasing the minimum grade in COP2510 to a “B” and reducing the number of attempts allowed in CDA3103 and COP3514 from three to two. There was some concern that students may reach these limits in their Junior or Senior year and then not be admitted to the CSE program. It was shown that these courses are part of the Freshman and Sophomore program requirements and so the added restrictions should not unfairly affect students. These changes were **approved**.
 - v. Changes in ENW track minor – This proposed revision updates the ENW minor to correspond with the recently revised CRW major and to simplify the students' completion of this minor in a timely fashion. Changes were **approved**.
 - vi. Changes in ENL track minor – This proposed revision updates the ENL minor and makes available to students the diversity of courses included in the recently revised LTS major. Changes were **approved**.
 - vii. Changes in ENT minor – This proposed revision updates the ENT minor to correspond to the recently revised TCM major and makes available to students the diversity of courses now included in the TCM major. Changes were **approved**.

- viii. Name change for English major track in Technical Communication and New Media (proposed new name is Professional Writing, Rhetoric and Technology). This proposed name is a more accurate and a more appealing title for the TCM track. With the new senior faculty and the recent curriculum changes added to the program, the TCM track has a deeper base in the discipline of Rhetoric and in the research and theory of communication across a range of workplaces. The new title reflects the broad range of discursive styles, genres, and professional situations now addressed by the program. The term "Technology" is a broader descriptor than "New Media" and covers both current and future writing and communication technologies. The new title better reflects the direction in which the program is developing and should attract more majors. Changes were **approved**.

5. New Business

- a. Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Program Guidelines – Undergraduate Studies and the Graduate School have worked together to create a set of guidelines for accelerated Bachelor's and Master's degree programs. Many such programs are already in place, with the most integral in Architecture and Nursing. In these programs, typically, 12 credits are shared between Undergraduate and Graduate level, although more sharing is possible. Guidelines have been looked at and approved by the Graduate Council. These guidelines were **approved**.

6. Addendum

- a. Approvals via Email
 - i. Physics Minor changes – These changes reflect that all ~~of our~~ upper level electives that would count for the minor are 3 credit hours and not 4 credit hours. Therefore, an additional 6 credit hours is two additional upper level courses past Modern Physics. It also makes the total number of credit hours for the Minor in Physics more in line with the Minor in Biomedical Physics offered, which has 16 credit hours total. **Approved** via email.
 - ii. Community-engaged Homeland Security and Emergency Management Minor – Identical to the Certificate approved above, the minor will be available for students who are degree-seeking. **Approved** via email.

Next meeting will be on January 9th, 2012 in SVC 5012. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.