

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of November 29, 2022

Attending (in room) – M. Welsh (chair), C. Couch, L. Beyers, K. Clavir, , B. Markowsky; N. Matchett, C. Sonnentag

Attending (on Zoom) – P. Klein (vice-chair/recorder), A. Bobo, C. Moore, J. Park, S. Youngs (for B. Rose)

Absences – B. Blair, C. Couch, S. Franklin, E. Pepmeyer, S. Rose, M. Somero, L. Henson, M. Larson

Guests - Jane Borisova, Krista Cauffman, Corinne Wieben

Call to Order – Chair Welsh began at 3:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda – Approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2022 – Approved without objection.

Chair's Report/Announcements (*Welsh*)

Report on APC discussion of S/U policy. APC was in support of our proposal including the grade equivalents for S, S-, U; and the submission by the Withdraw deadline. APC decided that an S (but not S-), which is a C- or better, will be accepted by the new major if there is a transfer into it, no grade change (to letter grade) will be required, but student has the option to request one. This will be consistent with majors accepting GTP classes that come in with an S. Not allowing current majors to choose the S/U option is still consistent with this policy being for students who want to explore new areas of study. APC is responsible for writing the policy that will go into the Undergraduate Catalog.

Reports from Councils

- **LAC** (*Youngs*) – There is continued work being done of the webpage that will make submitting and reviewing documents for LAC courses easier.
- **Assessment Council** (*Markowski*) – Discussions underway regarding using the Canvas shells of classes as a source of data for assessment.

Special Reports

None.

Unfinished Business

- **Policies on expectations for Canvas use** – Tabled until Spring.

New Business

- **Change in prefix for CIE courses** (*Borisova*) –CIE course prefix needs to change to IEP for its Intensive English Program courses, since Center for International Education has rebranded to Office of Global Engagement. IEP is a more meaningful course prefix for students. See spreadsheet supplied with Agenda – some courses will not be offered again but rest will change from CIE to IEP. Council expressed its support for this change.
- **ISSD Degree Plans** (*Wieben*) – Two plans presented for comment: (a) Alston program: stats with public health –need to make sure courses available, especially in last year. Seems to meet all basic requirements but has a high reliance on Internships, maybe beyond what should be considered acceptable. Klein suggests adding some GIS, perhaps contacting Dr. Jieun Lee for ideas which course(s) would be the best fit. Also a comment from a member of the committee regarding the suitability of the program title. The consensus of the committee was that it would

be appropriate to move ahead adding these considerations. (b) Bolon program: psychology and data analytics – student has finished the Math/Stats portion and wants to add in social psychology emphasis to the program. Welsh was confused by some of the sociology choices and the absence of PSY courses – seems like program more about the social/political/cultural context of sports rather than the psychology of competition. Also Matchett questions the PHIL course and some of the social theory courses as not being great fits; Welsh noted that Heath Psych also not a clear fit. Moore concurred that some lack of clarity in the ultimate goal of program makes it harder to judge applicability of the elective list. Ok to move ahead, provided there are some improvements in course list and title.

- **McNair Program catalog revisions** (*Caufman*) – McNair grant has been renewed for 5 years. They want to create a formal program for it, so it shows up in Degree Works and can be included in planning student schedules. Proposal. Part of the program will lead automatically into the capstone-only Honors program for their senior thesis. There is not yet a McNair designation for the transcript but they will have an Honors designation. General consensus from the Council to move forward with this.

Comments to the Good of the Order – Matchett updated that changes to Honors program proposed and approved by UGC earlier this fall have progressed to the next stages of approval.

Adjournment – 5:00 pm

Next meeting – January 10, 2023