

Minutes
Undergraduate Programs Committee Meeting
Dr. Jim Mayer, Committee Chair
April 10, 2014
9:30 a.m. – Campus Center 105

Minutes approved Sept 5, 2014

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

Members: Jon Anderson, Jessica Critten, Muriel Cormican, Julia Farmer, Kim Green, Scott Brown (for Donna Haley), Paul Luken, Jim Mayer, Sandy Robbins, Kathy Skott-Myhre, Lara Willox

Guests: Lynn Anderson, John Blair, Betsy Dahms, Deon Kay, Euisuk Kim, Chris Reynaud, Kevin Shunn, Doug Stewart, Felix Tweraser, Brad Yates

III. Approval of Agenda

Approved with modification. “Discussion of” added to Item VII:

Discussion of proposed modification of UWG Bachelor of Arts Degree requirements

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2014

Approved

V. Program and Course Proposals

A. College of Arts & Humanities

Course Proposals:

1. ART 1006B Design I (2D)
Art
Request: Add
2. ART 1007B Drawing I
Art
Request: Add
3. ART 1008B Drawing II
Art
Request: Add
4. ART 1009B Design II (3D)
Art

Request: Add

5. ART 3601B Painting I
Art
Request: Add
6. ART 3801B Printmaking I: Survey
Art
Request: Add
7. ART 3301B Beginning Ceramics
Art
Request: Add
8. ART 3901B Introductory Sculpture
Art
Request: Add

Action: Items 1-8 (above) withdrawn by Art Dept. on strictly administrative grounds. They do not require Senate approval and will be handled by Art in conjunction with Registrar's Office. They have been re-routed in the CSS queue to bypass Senate and go directly to the VPAA level.

9. ART 3060 Illustration: An Introductory Survey
Art
Request: Add
Action: Approved
10. ART 3065 Introduction to Scientific/Pre-Med Illustration
Art
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Program Proposals: None

B. Richard College of Business

Course Proposals: None

Program Proposals: None

C. College of Education

Course Proposals: None

Program Proposals: None

D. School of Nursing

Course Proposals: None

Program Proposals: None

E. College of Science & Mathematics

Course Proposals:

1. GEOG 3020 Political Geography
Geosciences
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Program Proposals:

1. Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Chemistry Department
Request: Modify (change name to Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry)
Action: Approved
2. Bachelor of Science with a Major in Geography
Geosciences Department
Request: Modify (change Environmental Geography Track to Environmental Sustainability)
Action: Approved

F. College of Social Sciences

Course Proposals:

1. COMM 4407 Film & Video Post-Production
Mass Communications
Request: Add
Action: Approved
2. COMM 3305 Short-Form Screenwriting & Analysis
Mass Communications
Request: Add
Action: Approved
3. COMM 4405 Sound Design
Mass Communications
Request: Add

Action: Approved

4. COMM 4406 Digital Cinematography & Image Design
Mass Communications
Request: Add
Action: Approved
5. PSYC 4700 Ecopsychology
Psychology
Request: Add
Action: Approved

Program Proposals:

1. Bachelor of Science with a Major in Mass Communications
Mass Communications Department
Request: Modify (specify minimum grade of C in intro courses)
Action: Approved
2. Bachelor of Science with a Major in Mass Communications
Mass Communications Department
Request: Modify (split Film and Video Arts track into two separate tracks)
Action: Approved
3. Bachelor of Science with a Major in Mass Communications
Mass Communications Department
Request: Add Film and Video Production minor
Action: Approved
4. Bachelor of Science with a Major in Criminology
Criminology Department
Request: Modify (add choice to Area F requirement)
Action: Approved

VI. General Education Subcommittee (Lara Willox, Chair)

Information item:

1. GEOG 2202
Action: approved for Core Area D
2. GEOG 2202L
Action: approved for Core Area D (with correction/clarification of attached syllabus)

VII. Information Item

Discussion of proposed modification of UWG Bachelor of Arts Degree requirements

Background: Due to an oversight by the committee chair, a proposal by Psychology to reduce foreign language requirements in the BA degree was not added to the agenda until the last minute. Numerous individuals pointed out that this would preclude an open and complete discussion of the issue. To facilitate dialog and bring the UWG community in on the debate the proposal was added as an information item strictly for discussion among interested parties.

Jim Dillon presented the proposal. Muriel Cormican, Julia Farmer, Felix Tweraser, John Blair and Euisuk Kim expressed opposition to the proposal. Muriel Cormican and Julia Farmer questioned figures in the proposal regarding foreign language degree requirements at other institutions. It was suggested that the proposal be expanded to include more detailed citations of information sources. Muriel Cormican and others also questioned whether correct procedures were followed in submitting this proposal. Jon Anderson stated that the procedure was followed correctly to the best of his knowledge, but recommended that the question of degree-level changes be brought before the Senate Rules Committee to streamline the process in the future.

VIII. Other business

1. SACS Updates

Jon Anderson reported that the SACS visit went very well. Members of the committee thanked Jon for all his hard work. One more batch of Comprehensive Program Review documents for review by UPC is apparently still at COSM and will most likely be tackled by UPC next Fall.

2. Elect chair of UPC for 2014-2015 academic year

Congratulations to Julia Farmer, UPC chair for 2014-2015.

Regarding 2014-2015, Lara Willox noted that most members of the General Education subcommittee have rotated off of the committee and that it will need to be repopulated.