



Undergraduate Council Minutes

Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2008

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 308D White Hall by Joanne Arhar.

Present:

Joanne Arhar, Natalie Caine-Bish, Alicia Crowe, Dale Curry, David Dees, Lettie Gonzalez, Andy Lepp, Natasha Levinson, Averill McClelland, Alexa Sandmann and Amy Thompson. Also present: Dean Don Bubenzer, David Keller and Recorder Debi Burnsworth.

A. Items of Business

Minutes

Minutes of the January 18, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Amy Thompson and seconded by A. Lepp; it was unanimously approved.

EHHS – (J. Arhar)

J. Arhar distributed a draft policy for background checks for licensure students. She asked the council to review the proposal with their faculty and would like to take a vote on accepting it at the March 14, 2008 meeting. She has met with the Teacher Education Coordinators who would like to have the costs incorporated into a fee – should the proposal be approved at the next meeting it can go to the EPC March meeting and if approved be in the Fall 2008 catalog.

D. Dees reported that some faculty at the regional campuses have developed their own approaches to dealing with background checks that may or may not be consistent with the proposed policy. J. Arhar, who offered to arrange a meeting with Connie Hawke, regional campus faculty and any faculty at the main campus who have field experience in schools or agencies that require a background check. This latter group are not teacher education faculty.

Update on Applied and Career Studies Degree (Dean Bubenzer)

Dr. Bubenzer brought to the attention of the group that a proposal would be presented later this spring relative to a bachelor's degree in Applied Career Studies. The degree is intended for students in regional campuses who have an associate degree or some undergraduate credit. The degree has been formulated to meet student need and regional campus need as well as the desire on the part of the legislature and BOR to provide completion degrees in eastern Ohio. The development of the proposal has been on-going for the past three years.

SELS – (A. Lepp)

A proposal for curriculum changes to PEP 25026 Overview of Outdoor Pursuits and Adventure Education was presented by A. Lepp. These changes would better align with the

new 2008 beginning physical education teachers standards and infuse a service learning project within the local schools to aid in the development and implementation of “outdoor education” within school physical education throughout Northeast Ohio. These changes were reviewed and unanimously approved by the SELS Curriculum Committee. Included is a recommendation to change the special course fees for this course from \$30/credit hour (\$90/semester) to \$25/credit hour (\$75/semester), which is a 17% decrease. The fee will cover the cost of special activities that extend beyond the classroom setting: e.g., field trips or rental of off-campus facilities.

This proposal will be brought back to the March meeting for review and a vote; if it is approved it will go to the March EPC meeting.

Recommendation for faculty committee to be formed to review policy for probation and dismissal – (D. Keller)

D. Keller asked the council to review the policy for probation and dismissal. He stated this would allow students that have turned around their scholastic work and are doing above 3.0 work be given extra semesters to raise their accumulative GPA to the program minimums. He cited three students who were not allowed to enter programs due to GPA’s that have shown marked improvement and meeting program guidelines that simply need more time to have this reflect to their cumulative GPA. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the March meeting.

Curricular Changes – (J. Arhar)

This item was carried over from the last meeting to allow for questions or further discussion. The council had reviewed an email from Therese Tillett, Director of Curriculum Services advising implementation of a spring effective term for undergraduate course proposals. The current fall term has an EPC deadline of October. The spring term will have an EPC deadline of April, which means appropriate course approvals received until the deadline for April EPC will be effective spring 2009 instead of fall 2009.

It was asked if the graduate courses will also follow this schedule; J. Arhar will check with Therese and get back to this group with her response.

Major GPA – (J. Arhar)

This topic will be carried over to the March meeting due to Charity Snyder’s absence.

Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, March 14, 2008, 10-12 Room 308D White Hall.

Minutes submitted by:

Deborah Burnsworth for Joanne Arhar