

COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
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Undergraduate Council Minutes

January 23, 2009

Members Present: Joanne Arhar, Chair, Natalie Caine-Bish, Swathi Rivichandran, Natasha Levinson, Averil McClelland, Andy Lepp, Walter Gershon for Alicia Crowe, Charity Snyder; Dianne Kerr via electronic vote.

Members Absent: Lettie Gonzalez, David Dees, Mark Krumm, Jennifer James.

Guests: Lisa Froning

The meeting of Undergraduate Council on Friday, January 23, 2009, was called to order by Associate Dean Joanne Arhar at 10 AM in room 308D White Hall. The Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2008, meeting were reviewed by members present and all voted to approve. On Jan. 26, 2009, Dianne Kerr voted electronically to approve the minutes.

CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

SPA

Carol Drennen, Ashtabula Campus, presented a proposal for a policy revision to the Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy Technology. The proposal established a minimum program entrance requirement of 2.75 GPA. The two-meeting rule was waived by a motion from Natasha Levinson and seconded by Averil McClelland. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Averil McClelland and seconded by Swathi Rivichandran. All members present voted to approve the proposal and on Jan. 26, 2009, Dianne Kerr voted electronically to approve the revision. The proposal passed by a unanimous vote.

LER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. Arhar shared the LER for the 21st Century information and invited council members to provide input on the proposed models under consideration by the group. After a lengthy discussion of the attributes and challenges of the models, concerns and comments shared included:

- What are the goals of LERs? What do they accomplish? What is the rationale for the current requirements?
 - Do all students need the same depth of understanding of for specific LERs
 - Should Lisa Donnelly and Mike Mikusa be invited to a discussion?
- Are the current LER requirements acting as a roadblock to students who change majors?
 - Which proposed model might do a better job of providing a smoother transition for students switching majors?
- UGC input about the models
 - *Why* a change in LER is needed should be better articulated by the LER committee

- Discussion revealed that the LER proposal needs clarification and themes need refining and improvement
- Model C was discussed as a preferred model by UGC; it was suggested that a statement from Joanne on behalf of the council provide a strong rationale for the preferred model
- An inquiry-based approach was preferred and Model C was more oriented to this approach
- Questions/comments from UGC to consider related to the LER changes
 - Does every course need to be a transfer module?
 - What methodology was/will be used to choose the approved courses?
 - What oversight from KSU will there be for courses that will be transfer modules?
 - What allowances will be made for programs that have state requirements for credentialing?
 - Model C needs to be rewritten as a stronger option.
 - Why is there not ore flexibility in when courses are taken (30 Hours)?
 - Is there a course sequence issue with transfer students?
 - The timeline for making a recommendation on this is too fast.
 - When is the proposed effective date of the new model?

EHHS RESTRUCTURING

The council discussed the new structure of EHHS beginning in Fall 2009 (four schools) and the possible changes in demographics for Undergraduate Council. Currently, each program area has up to two members represented in UGC. Some ideas for council membership in the future included:

- Up to two members from each school
- Two members required from each school
- Up to three members from each school
- One member from each program area

Joanne asked council members to give the topic further consideration and send input to her. Graduate Council will also be asking for input from members. A decision will need to be made by May.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Natalie Caine-Bish and seconded by Swathi Rivichandran. The minutes were approved by council members present and approved by Dianne Kerr via electronic vote on Jan. 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Minutes by Hilda Pettit, EHHS