

Undergraduate Curriculum Council
December 4, 2015
Minutes

Members Present

Chad Murphy	Dee Dee Larson
Shelley Bock	Amanda Dahl
Kim Whitehead	Donna Burlingame
Josh Hanes	Sally Pearson

Ex-Officio Members Present

Lynn Dobbs	Marty Hatton
Christa Ferguson	Quincy Hughes

Guests: Nicole Welch
 Blanca Simmons-Diaz
 Ross Whitwam

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met on December 4, 2015, in the Welty Boardroom. The minutes of the November meeting was approved by a unanimous vote.

University Administration Actions

President Borsig approved the Council Actions from the November meeting concerning the following:

An Information Item – Letter of support of changes to student designation in order to clarify a student’s progress through Art programs

1. Modify a Degree Title – IHL Appendix 9a
 - a. From Bachelor of Technology in Professional Studies
 - b. To Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration

Council Actions for December 4, 2015

College of Arts & Sciences

1. Offer a New Course – BSB 109 Introductory Biology

Nicole Welch and Blanca Simmons-Diaz presented this proposal for Science & Mathematics. This three-credit hour course will provide a brief survey of the fundamentals of biology and will meet the needs of non-biology majors. There will be no prerequisites or corequisites. Dee Dee Larson made the motion to accept the proposal as presented with the exception being that the catalog description indicate that this course does not count towards a Biology major and the effective date be Fall 2016. Sally Pearson seconded the motion. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Ross Whitwam presented the following proposals for Science & Mathematics:

2. Modify an Existing Course – BS 400 Senior Seminar
3. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 101 General Biology I
4. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 230 General Genetics
5. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 303 Comparative Anatomy
6. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 304 Research Methods
7. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 313 Methods and Materials for the Teaching of Science in Secondary Schools
8. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 322 Animal Physiology
9. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 408 Animal Behavior
10. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 459 Histology
11. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 499 Independent Study in Biology or Microbiology
12. Modify an Existing Course – BSM 459 Pathogenic Microbiology
13. Modify an Existing Course – BSM 499 Independent Study in Biology or Microbiology

These proposals will remove the prerequisites of BSB 101, BSB 102, BSB 230, or BSM 241; and the corequisites of BSB 310, BSB 322, BSB 332 (except for biology with teacher certification), senior standing, and successful

completion (grade of C or better) of at least 28 semester hours of BSB and/or BSM courses. The faculty has determined that the current prerequisites and corequisites are too complicated, often requiring senior students needing an override to enroll in the course. The proposal also adds a new prerequisite, senior standing, which the faculty feels will more efficiently serve the students and expand their options. Amanda Dahl made the motion to accept the proposals as presented. Dee Dee Larson seconded the motion. The proposals were approved unanimously.

College of Nursing & Speech Language Pathology

2. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Speech-Language Pathology
Eliminating the minor as a requirement for the program.

Donna Burlingame presented this proposal to eliminate the requirement of a minor in the Speech-Language Pathology Program. Many students majoring in speech-language pathology enter the program as transfer students in their junior year. Requiring a minor area of study potentially restricts the student's progression towards graduation. For example, many popular minors, like those offered in the Department of Health and Kinesiology, have courses that fill very quickly. The faculty has determined that the elimination of the minor area of study as a requirement for speech-language pathology majors will assist students in completion of the B.S. degree in a timely and efficient manner. Dee Dee Larson made the motion to accept the proposals as presented. Kim Whitehead seconded the motion. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Proposals will be due by noon January 27, 2016.