Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs
Wednesday, December 5, 2012


Guests: Heather Bednarek, Donna LaVoie, Donald Linhorst, Mary McGuire, Norman White

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The November 7, 2012 minutes with the corrections noted.

Updates:

a. Minor in IPE:
   - The Faculty Subcommittee met with Dr. Ruebling on November 14
   - Dr. Ruebling provided answers to the committee’s question on assessment
   - PHIL 205 is the recommended philosophy course for students working toward the minor in IPE
   - Dr. Whitt will take the proposal to Dr. Patankar for his review

b. GIS Certificate:
   - Dr. Wulamu resubmitted the proposal with the sub-committee’s recommendation
   - Drs. Sanchez, Whitt and Wulamu met to clarify questions on assessment and the flow chart
   - The sub-committee approved the proposal with the minor corrections made
   - Dr. Patankar will present this as an “informational only” item to the members of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at the December 14 meeting

New Proposal:

a. Changes in B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice:
   - The Department of Criminal Justice was transferred from the College of Arts & Sciences to the School of Social Work and changed the program from B.A. in Criminal Justice to a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice
   - In September 2012, the Board of Trustees approved a new College for Public Health and Social Justice which included the School of Social Work
   - The core of this program will go from 63 credit hours under A&S to a similar core of 54 credit hours in the School of Social Work
   - The number of credit hours in the major will increase from 36 hours to 39 hours
   - Students will be able to modify the major curriculum requirements which will allow them to adapt the program to meet their career choices
   - The Department of Communication has been asked if they will be able to accommodate the extra number of students because of the communication component
   - Current students will still earn a B.A. from the College of A&S
   - Students and parents have been notified of the changes

   ✔ Fr. Barber stated that the changes in the A&S core needed to be clearer especially for the philosophy course
Drs. Linhorst, McGuire and White were asked to have the responses to the committee before the December 12 meeting

Undergradutate Student Learning Outcomes Updates:

- Dr. Dorsey outlined the work of the Student Learning Outcomes Committee
  - They have been meeting weekly since March 2012
  - In May 2012 met with stakeholder groups across SLU to get input and feedback on outcomes
  - In June 2012 attended 5 day conference on learning outcomes
  - Feedback from these groups lead to the development of the second and third draft of the outcomes
  - The third draft was made available to the SLU community via a website devoted to the outcomes
  - In October 2012 multiple open fora were held on the Frost, HSC and Madrid Campuses
  - By November 2012 drafts of the University-Wide SLO had been discussed with 28 groups, comprised of approximately 450 faculty, staff, students and administrators
  - The final version of the University-Wide Student Learning Outcomes will be presented to UAAC, CADD and the President’s Coordinating Council

- Dr. LaVoie outlined Stage 2:
  - In the Spring 2013, the committee will develop common evaluation rubrics of specific, measurable student performance criteria for all undergraduates
  - Rubrics will be used to assess institutional performance on the outcomes
  - Assessment data will be used for improvement of institutional efforts regarding undergraduate student success
  - Stage 3 will analyze the extent to which all current programs facilitate achievement of expected performance criteria established in the evaluation rubrics of the University-Wide SLO

UAAC unanimously endorsed the SLO document.

The meeting adjourned at 10am.