

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
October 21, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
K-State Alumni Center, Powercat Room

Present: Carroll, Charney, Devore, Huschka, King, Rintoul, Roberts, Staggenborg, Sump, Turvey-Welch

Absent: Chengappa, Hendrix, Rogers

Visitors: Juanita McGowan, Doug Benson, JohnElla Holmes, Karen Myers-Bowman, Vicki Clegg, Monty Nielsen

1. Doris Carroll, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Carroll announced that some of the General Education Task Force members will be coming later on in the meeting to give a brief update on the action requested at the last meeting.

2. The October 7, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Course and Curriculum Changes

A. Undergraduate Education

1. A motion was made by King and seconded by Rintoul to approve the following curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts & Sciences on April 17, 2008:

American Ethnic Studies Program

New Degree program:

BS and BA in American Ethnic Studies (see attachment 1)

Drop:

Secondary Major in American Ethnic Studies

Carroll welcomed visitors from the American Ethnic Studies Program. Juanita McGowan gave a detailed history of how this proposal came about and highlighted how it will benefit Kansas State University. She and the other visitors answered questions from committee members regarding prerequisites for this program, job availability for a degree in this, etc. It was agreed that a little more information could be provided in the student profile section of the proposal. Also, a few minor grammatical errors were corrected. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Rintoul and seconded by Staggenborg to approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts & Sciences on October 2, 2008:

COURSE CHANGES

Communication Studies, Theatre, and Dance

Add:

DANCE 181 Tap I

DANCE 381 Tap II

DANCE 382 Tap III

Women's Studies

Add:

WOMST 300 Selected Studies of Women and Gender

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Dean of Arts & Sciences

Change to Arts & Sciences Honors Program (see attachment 2)

Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Changes to the BS and BA (also see attachment 3):

Rationale: The proposed curriculum change:

- a) eliminates the Applied Anthropology option because the application of anthropological concepts is emphasized throughout much of our standard curriculum and there has been no demand for a specialization in Applied Anthropology for at least ten years;
- b) increases the total number of anthropology credit hours through the addition of three additional advanced anthropology hours in order to better prepare anthropology majors for future careers and advanced training in anthropology; and
- c) encourages students to include courses that specifically focus on methods of one or more of the subfields of anthropology that fit their anthropological interest(s).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2009

Statistics

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts

Required courses:

Change: CIS 200. Fundamentals of Computer Programming (or acceptable substitute)

To: CIS 111. Fundamentals of Computer Programming or
CIS 200. Fundamentals of Software Design (or acceptable substitute)

RATIONALE: Additional course selection. Description of CIS 200 has changed, CIS 111 is now slightly more appropriate

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Motion carried.

- B. Graduate Education – A motion was made by Turvey-Welch and seconded Roberts by to approve the following course changes as approved by the Graduate Council on October 7, 2008:

Add:

College of Veterinary Medicine

CS 772 Equine Field Service

CS 773 Introduction to Veterinary Phytotherapy

CS 774 Advanced Rural Food Animal Business Management

CS 775 Primary Care Externship

CS 879 Applied Production Medicine

Motion carried.

- C. General Education – A motion was made by King and seconded by Roberts to approve the following course for UGE status as approved by the UGE Council on September 25, 2008:

◆AGEC 202 Small Business Operations

Motion carried

4. Graduation list changes

- A. A motion was made by Staggenborg and seconded by King to approve the following additions to the August 2008 graduation list:

David Hoskins, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Justin David Heeke, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Motion carried

5. Committee Reports

A. Second Life Committee – Doris Carroll

Carroll reiterated that the charge of this committee is to examine and determine if new policy is necessary regarding use of second life and intellectual property, etc. The committee is reviewing other campuses' policies on this and they are not to the point of finalizing anything. Any policies, if deemed necessary, that come from this committee will be forwarded on to the provost for review.

B. Committee on Academic Policy and Procedures (CAPP) – Doris Carroll

Carroll deferred to Monty Nielsen, Registrar. Nielsen related that Stephen Kiefer, the University Honors Program Director, was a guest at their last meeting and made a presentation requesting early enrollment for honor students. There was a lengthy conversation among committee members regarding this request. Committee members agreed it would be wise to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of a request like this. No formal request has yet been brought forward.

C. Student Senate – Andrew Huschka

Huschka reported that K-State hosted the Big 12 conference here last week and it was a huge success. He had many compliments from visiting students.

6. Old Business

A. General Education Task Force – Proposal for “The K-State 8: General Education Program”

Karen Myers-Bowman and Vicki Clegg were present to give an update. The Task Force met last week to review the proposal in light of the recent concerns regarding plagiarism. They also sought advice from a number of individuals, including the Provost and David Allen, Director of the Honor Council. The response they received was the proposal is a draft and therefore still subject to change. They were advised there was not substantial reason to focus on this currently, but rather to move forward with the proposal. The Task Force felt that in order to better aid the Academic Affairs committee, they will give a PowerPoint presentation to give detail to the committee members who were not present last year during the time the first Task Force was working on recommendations. This will take place at the next Academic Affairs meeting on November 4. Carroll reported that she also spoke with David Allen and was given the same advice.

B. 2008-2009 Co Chair for Academic Affairs

Nothing to report

C. Representative for University Library Committee

Nothing to report

7. New Business

Carroll requested Sump to briefly present to Academic Affairs what will be discussed at the upcoming CAPP meeting in November regarding the final exam schedule in connection with non-standard time final exams. Sump mentioned that eventually the University would like to be able to inform students when their final exams are at the time they enroll in a course. However, due to non-standard times for some final exams, this cannot happen yet. She will be presenting information to CAPP in November. Rintoul also requested that a conversation happen about final exams taking place in a different room than a class is normally held in. This can be very confusing for students.

8. For the good of the University

9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.