

Undergraduate Council

Annual Report 2015-16

The Undergraduate Council is charged to (1) review and recommend to the Council of Deans new undergraduate curricula and programs by the various departments and colleges; (2) to review existing undergraduate offerings and make appropriate recommendations to the Council of Deans; and (3) to initiate and recommend policies and procedures relevant to baccalaureate and associate degree requirements, grading and credit policies, academic standards, and related matters.

The Undergraduate Council convened nine times during the academic year and experienced a high level of participation by all members. Faculty membership included: Dr. Kurt Boniecki (chair), Dr. Tammy Benson, Dr. Joe Cangelosi, Dr. Bernard Chen, Dr. Bhavanand Rathinasamy, Dr. Alex Fayman, Mr. John Gale, Dr. Travis Sorenson, Dr. Kaye McKinzie, Dr. Renee Ryburn, Dr. Clay Arnold, Dr. Jennifer Brinegar, Dr. Carl Frederickson, Dr. Beula Magimairaj, Dr. Alana Reid, Dr. Mike Gunter, Dr. Brent Shires, Dr. Rene Crow, and Dr. Jeff Whittingham. Undergraduate Council student representatives were: Ms. Kayla Close and Ms. Laurie Nick. Ms. Becky Rasnick served ex officio as the University Registrar.

New courses recommended by the Undergraduate Council, forwarded to the Council of Deans and approved by the Provost this academic year:

College of Liberal Arts

1. FREN 4396 Topics in Francophone Cultures
2. HIST 1375 FYS in Diversity in World Cultures
3. HIST 2360 From Stonehenge to Popish Plots: A History of England to 1688
4. HIST 4398 The Politics of Sex and Sexuality in Modern East Asia
5. HIST 2304 Instructional Strategies for K-6 Social Studies
6. ANTH 4310 Myths & Moundbuilders
7. ANTH 4360 Seminar
8. ENGL 4325 Special Topics in Postcolonial Literature
9. ENGL 3345 Literature and the Examined Life
10. CHIN 4110 Chinese Senior Capstone

College of Health & Behavioral Sciences

1. HED 4398 Health Coaching I
2. HED 4399 Health Coaching II
3. KPED 1310 Introduction to Exercise Science

4. HSC 4314 Multicultural Counseling and Addiction
5. RAD 3900 Clinical Education (SV) III
6. RAD 4400 Clinical Education (SV) V

College of Business

1. ACCT 4382 Internship in Accounting
2. MKTG/MGMT 3385 Safety and Motor Carrier Policy

College of Education

1. ELSE 4310 Junior Block Practicum

College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

1. GEOG 4406 Introduction to Digital Image Processing
2. PHYS 4411 Introduction to Physical Acoustics
3. MATH 3391 Nonparametric Statistics
4. MATH 3392 Multivariate Analysis
5. MATH 4391 Machine Learning
6. MATH 4392 Time Series and Forecasting
7. MATH 4395 Practicum in Data Science
8. ENGR 4V03 Topics in Engineering Design
9. ENGR 4350 Topics in Theoretical Engineering
10. ENGR 3311 Engineering Dynamics
11. ENGR 1301 Introduction to Engineering

College of Fine Arts & Communication

1. WRTG 1374 FYS in Diversity in Creative Writing
2. MUS 2311 Musical Development and Learning
3. JOUR 1123 Electronic Media Applications
4. THEA 3305 Scenic Painting for Theatre
5. FILM 3310 Cinematography
6. WRTG 4372 Novella Workshop

Other significant curriculum, policy, and program changes recommended by the Undergraduate Council, forwarded to the Council of Deans, and approved by the Provost this academic year:

1. New BBA degree program and minor in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.
2. All KPED course prefixes changed to EXSS to reflect new department name.
3. New minor program in Health Psychology.

4. Changed the semester credit hour requirements from 52-54 to 49-51 for the STEMteach Applied Mathematics track.
5. Changed the credit hour requirements in the computer science minor from 20 to 18 hours
6. Changed the credit hour requirements in the Geography major from 36 to 37 hours.
7. Added a restriction on completing more than one minor.
8. Changed the residency requirements for a bachelor's degree.
9. Changed the transfer credit policy in the Undergraduate Bulletin.
10. Created a new Data Science track in the BS Mathematics degree program.
11. Changed the restrictions on completing two majors or two baccalaureate degrees.
12. Created a new concentration in Mandarin Chinese.
13. Created a new Linguistics minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
14. Added a statement disallowing UCA sign language courses in fulfillment of the BA foreign language requirement.
15. Dropped the criminology concentration area within the sociology major program.
16. Converted existing courses to hybrid or online delivery: ACCT 3320, HIST 2301, HIST 3310, QMTH 4341, MIS 4363, MIS 4364, WRTG 3310, ACCT 4322, ACCT 4304, ACCT 4312, PHIL 2305, ACCT 3326, ACCT 3315, FINA 3340, HED 4398, HED 4399, ACCT 2321, FINA 3350, MGMT 3349, PHYS 1400