

MINUTES  
Undergraduate Council  
April 21, 2020

The Undergraduate Council met via video conference call. Members participating included: Kurt Boniecki (chair), Ed Powers, Jeff Hill, Leslie Gomes, Jennie Case, Suzanne Johnston, Shawn Charlton, Kerry Jordan, Jennifer Cale, Bernard Chen, Janet Filer, Terry Johnson, Deborah Dailey, Dee Lance, Jim Downey, Jia Zhu, David Kim, Dylan McLemore, Kristin Dooley, and Carl Frederickson.

Members absent: Stephen Plate, Taylor Umbarger and Becky Rasnick

Guests: Ty Hawkins, Clay Arnold, Alicia Landry, Anna Park, Bryan Massey, Mark Mullenbach, Liz Smith, Lynn Burley and Art Gillaspy

Action Items:

1. Ms. Gomes, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to approve three new course proposals from the Department of Political Science/International Studies for: **PSCI 4392** Internship in International Studies; **PSCI 4393** Experiential Learning in International Studies; and **PSCI 4394** Research in International Studies. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
  
2. Ms. Gomes, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Political Science/International Studies to:  
(a) change the list of required program core courses for the major and minor;  
(b) add a 3 credit-hour Experiential Learning requirement to the major; (c) increase the total credit hour requirement for the major from 33 to 36 hours;  
(d) change the names of the three concentrations within the major and minor; and (e) change the elective courses list within each concentration. Dr. Downey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Concern was raised over the removal of a required prerequisite from the list of core courses. Department representatives responded that the proposed changes are designed to bring the International Studies program in line with the other two programs offered in the Department of Political Science. Furthermore, such changes will not negatively affect faculty load. Motion passed, all in favor.
  
3. Ms. Gomes, on behalf on subcommittee one, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Psychology & Counseling for new course **PSYC 3334** Data Analysis & Application. Dr. Lance seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Demand is on the rise for data analysis skills in psychology graduates. The department will reduce seats in general statistics classes by offering this new course. Concern was raised that this will affect the availability of general statistics classes across campus. Department representatives responded that they will ensure enough general statistics seats are offered for their majors and minors. Motion passed, all in favor.

4. Dr. Lance, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Music/Bachelor of Music Education/All Concentrations to adjust the total number of required credit hours from 123 – 125 to 126 – 130 to accurately reflect what is required of BME students. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
5. Dr. Lance, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences / BS in FACS to change the credit hour / course numbers for **FACS 3456** to **FACS 3356** and **FACS 4350** to **FACS 4450**. Dr. Downey seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
6. Dr. Lance, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences / BS in FACS for new course **FACS 4340** Family and Consumer Science Professional Practice. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
7. Dr. Lance, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences / BS in FACS to change the total credit requirement from 43 to 42 hours and to add **FACS 4340** to the list of required courses. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
8. Dr. Lance, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences / BS in Community Nutrition for new course **NUTR 4339** Community Nutrition Practicum. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
9. Dr. Kim, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of LLLC / Linguistics to add existing course **LING 3325** Sociolinguistics to the UCA Core as an upper-division course in Responsible Living. Dr. Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

10. Dr. Kim, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Philosophy and Religion / Religious Studies for a new course **RELG 3302** Religion and Social Justice. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
11. Dr. Kim, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Philosophy and Religion / Religious Studies for new course **RELG 3318** Religion, Pop Culture & Film. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
12. Dr. Kim, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Philosophy and Religion / Religious Studies for new course **RELG 3326** Asian Religions in American Society and Culture. Dr. Lance seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
13. Dr. Kim, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Philosophy and Religion / Religious Studies to add **RELG 3345** African-American Religious Thought to the UCA Core as an upper-division course in Responsible Living. Ms. Gomes seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
14. Dr. Kim, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to approve a proposal from the Department of Art / BFA in Studio Arts to remove the foreign language requirement and to require an additional 3 credit hours of technology-oriented ART courses. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 17 in favor and 2 abstentions.

#### Information Items:

1. From ELSE/Special Education K-12: convert all ELSE, MSIT, and EDUC required courses for special education teacher licensure to online delivery.
2. From Family and Consumer Sciences/Nutrition: convert NUTR 4339 to online delivery.
3. From Family and Consumer Sciences: convert FACS 4340 to online delivery.
4. From History/African and African American Studies: convert AFAM 1330 to online delivery.
5. From Management Information Systems: convert MIS 3366 to online delivery.
6. From Political Science: convert PSCI 3316 to online delivery.

7. From Family and Consumer Sciences/BS in FACS: remove FACS 3456 from the upper-division UCA Core as a capstone (Z) course.
8. From Family and Consumer Sciences/BS in Community Nutrition and Nutrition Science: remove FACS 3456 from the upper-division UCA Core as a capstone (Z) course.
9. From Marketing and Management: update MGMT course descriptions.
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The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,

*Dr. Jennie Case*