

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
March 5, 2013, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Bennett, Bonella, Easton, Ehie, Garcia, Goodson, Hill, Hoag, Mosier, and Zajac

Absent: Bishop

Proxies: Dille and Sellers

Visitors: Monty Nielsen

1. Andy Bennett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm
2. The minutes of February 19, 2013 were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education
 1. A motion was made by Zajac and seconded by Hoag to approve the following curriculum changes approved by the College of Human Ecology on February 12, 2013 (approval sheets sent out by Marqueta Wall on February 13, 2013):

CURRICULUM CHANGES

College of Human Ecology

Change to the college's general requirements regarding Math options. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design

Changes to the Bachelor of Science within the Natural and Physical Sciences section. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

School of Family Studies and Human Services

Changes to the Conflict Analysis and Trauma Studies Minor. Request to offer this minor as a post-baccalaureate minor to non-K-State graduates. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Department of Human Nutrition & Department of Kinesiology

Changes in the dual degree (major) for BS in Human Nutrition/BS in Kinesiology. Total credit hours for graduation are decreasing. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Department of Kinesiology

Drop:

Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Discussion: As some may recall, Kinesiology moved to Human Ecology this January. This resulted in the need for some reorganizing in their curricula. There was a question about the dual degree listed for Human Nutrition and Kinesiology. This should be noted now as a dual major since they are within the same college. Some discussion took place also regarding the changes made in dropping the BA in Kinesiology. Changes were made so that the programs came in line with the college of Human Ecology requirements. It will be communicated to Human Ecology that their dual degree in BS in Human Nutrition and Kinesiology should be noted as dual major.

Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Hoag and seconded Zajac by to approve the following graduation list correction:
August 2012

Jatin Allen, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering
Background: Jatin has completed all requirements for his degree.

Motion carried.

5. Old Business

A. Interdisciplinary Programs Taskforce Report

Bennett reminded committee members they had received the task force report on January 22 and so should have had the opportunity to review it more thoroughly. Are there any further comments or concerns? As at the January 22 meeting, it was briefly pointed out again that it should be clarified which programs need to be sent to BOR. It was noted that the pertinent recommendations within the report, applying to the approval process, will be folded into the Approval, Routing, and Notification procedures for course and curriculum changes. When the revisions to that document come forward, they will be reviewed and voted on in their entirety by Academic Affairs. It seemed to be consensus that committee members will vote on all the changes to the approval process when it is completed, instead of voting to accept the task force report separately. Bennett indicated the Provost has already accepted the report.

B. Approval, Routing, and Notification for Course and Curriculum changes

Changes to this document are being worked on and should be coming forward to the committee for review in early April. Members were reminded the iSIS task force will be working toward automation of the approval process. A subcommittee is being formed and a representative from Academic Affairs is being requested. Zajac would be willing to volunteer as the Academic Affairs representative pending information regarding frequency of meetings, etc. Bennett will pass his name on.

6. New Business

A. Massively Online Open Courses (MOOC)

Bennett informed members that he received an email inquiring whether there are any rules in place for MOOCs. There are not any currently; should there be? Does Academic Affairs wish to address this for future cases? It was asked whether academic credit is given for these. Apparently, some institutions do award credit. Perhaps it is more of a question of how to receive requests for transfers of these courses for individuals who have taken these. Do we want rules and what would these start to look like? It seems if an accredited university chooses to give credit to a student for a certain course, such as one of these, K-State would accept that the way they do other transfer credits. Without knowing the issues we may have to deal with it is difficult to address what rules to produce. On which side is the issue, receiving transfer credit or our university offering them. It was agreed Bennett will respond to the email question and inquire further.

7. Announcements/for the good of the University

Members were reminded the Salina Spring open forum with the President and Provost will be held on March 7, 2013 at 3:30 pm in Salina's College Center Conference room.

Bennett reported that Vice Provost Dandaneau and Vice President Bosco released the Student Success Undergraduate Theme report on the web yesterday. Bennett encouraged members to review the proposal in detail. It is likely Vice Provost Steve Dandaneau will visit the April senate meeting to brief senators on the proposal.

Hill reported that student government elections are going on currently.

Bennett inquired about holding the March 19 meeting as this is during spring break. It was determined that meeting will be canceled unless something substantial comes forward that needs action. Therefore, the next meeting will be in April.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 2, 2013, Union room 204, 3:30 p.m.