

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
April 2, 2013, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

Present: Bennett, Bishop, Bonella, Easton, Ehie, Garcia, Goodson, Hill, Sellers, and Zajac
Absent: Dille, Mosier
Proxy: Hoag
Visitors: Monty Nielsen

1. Andy Bennett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
2. The March 5, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Course and Curriculum Changes
 - A. Undergraduate Education
 1. A motion was made by Zajac and seconded by Bonella to approve the following course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Technology & Aviation, K-State Salina on March 8, 2013 (approval sheets sent out by Kathy Sanders on March 13, 2013):

COURSE CHANGES

Department of Engineering Technology

ADD:

CMST 356 Motion Graphics Technology; K-State 8 Tag: Aesthetic Interpretation

CMST 406 Social Media Technology; K-State 8 Tag: Aesthetic Interpretation & Human Diversity within the US

CMST 456 Digital Media Senior Project; K-State 8 Tag: Aesthetic Interpretation

ECET 335 Industrial Control Topics

ECET 385 Programmable Logic Controllers; K-State 8 Tag: Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning

Change:

CMST ~~306~~ 256 Digital Media II

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Department of Engineering Technology

Changes to the Associate of Technology, Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology Option (AETA-EC). See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the Bachelor of Science, Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology Option (BETB-EC). See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

CURRICULUM ADDITION

Department of Engineering Technology

ADD:

New option in Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology: Digital Media Technology Option (BETB-DM). See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

There was brief discussion about the Digital media option and making certain all units were aware of the addition. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Easton and seconded by Goodson to approve the following course and curriculum changes approved by the College of Agriculture on March 14, 2013 (approval sheets sent out by Janet Roggenkamp on March 15, 2013):

COURSE CHANGES

Agronomy

Add:

AGRON 101 Agronomy Orientation

Animal Sciences & Industry

Change:

ASI 320 Principles of Feeding

Add:

ASI 330 Introduction to the Graduate Experience

ASI 561 Undergraduate Research in Animal Sciences and Industry

Food Sciences & Industry

Add:

FDSCI 330 Introduction to the Graduate Experience

FDSCI 530 Undergraduate Research in Food Science & Industry

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Department of Communications and Agricultural Education

Changes to the B.S. in Agricultural Communications and Journalism: Agriculture Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agricultural Communications and Journalism: Environment Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Agronomy

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Agronomy – Business and Industry Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Agronomy – Consulting and Production Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Agronomy – Plant Science and Biotechnology Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Agronomy – Range Management Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Agronomy – Soil and Environmental Science Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Animal Sciences & Industry

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Animal Science and Industry: Animal Products Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Animal Sciences & Industry: Bioscience/Biotechnology Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Animal Sciences and Industry: Business Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Animal Science & Industry: Communications Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Animal Science & Industry: Production/Management Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Agriculture: Animal Sciences & Industry: Science/Pre-Vet Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Food Sciences & Industry

Changes to the B.S. in Food Science & Industry: Business & Operations Management Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Food Science & Industry: Science Option. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Sellers and seconded by Bishop to approve the following curriculum changes approved by the College of Human Ecology on March 17, 2013 (approval sheets sent out by Marqueleta Wall on March 18, 2013):

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Department of Human Nutrition

Changes to the B.S. – Nutrition: Nutritional Sciences. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Goodson and seconded by Easton to approve the following curriculum changes as approved by the College of Education on March 26, 2013 (approval sheets sent out by Janel Harder on March 26, 2013):

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Changes to the Teacher Education program admission requirements. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Changes to the B.S. in Education: Secondary Education. See supplemental information for further details and rationale.

Inquiry was made as to why the GPA is being raised. Goodson responded the accrediting bodies are being replaced by a new one soon and program quality is expected to be higher. Motion carried.

- B. Graduate Education – A motion was made by Easton and seconded by Zajac to approve the following graduate course and curriculum changes approved by the Graduate Council on March 5, 2013:

COURSE CHANGES

Add:

Education: EDCEP 821 Fundamentals of Program Evaluation

Arts & Sciences: ANTH 650 Anthropology of the Future: Apocalypse, Prophecy and Hope. K-State 8:

Global Issues and Perspectives; Human Diversity within the US.

Changes:

Arts and Sciences: STAT 713 Applied Linear Statistical Models

Arts and Sciences: STAT 726 Introduction to Splu/R Computing

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Arts and Sciences: Changes to the Graduate Certificate on Technical Writing and Professional Communication.

There was a comment about impact statements and the desire for more information to be included. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

- A. Approval, Routing, and Notification for Course and Curriculum changes – No update
Bennett spoke to Jackie Spears last week. She has this on her agenda and hopes to have this to Academic Affairs member soon.

5. New Business

A. Group Project Fatigue

Bennett related a social media post by a student who articulated that there are too many group projects assigned and this can be not only difficult in regarding to scheduling time for project members to work together, but also that not all members participate fully and the quality of the submitted work may suffer. The “open letter” was submitted to the Provost by a K-State employee. The Provost then forwarded this email to CAPP and Academic Affairs for discussion and evaluation. Committee members began by conversing about what they typically do and do not get involved with. They do not wish to dictate how individual classes are operated. Are there policies that need updated, addressed? Various options and suggestions were discussed. It was suggested the Center for Teaching and Learning could offer professional development or education or sorts regarding group projects and how to assign them effectively. Discussion continued. Members requested Bennett to follow through with the suggestion regarding the Center for Teaching and Learning. He will convey the committee’s discussion and request to the appropriate persons.

- B. Volunteer to take minutes for April 16 AAC meeting (Annual Retirement Ceremony- 4pm) or reschedule meeting to another date.

Bennett asked for the committee’s input about the next meeting. Bishop volunteered to take minutes for the April 16 meeting at 2:30 pm.

6. Committee Reports

- A. iSIS – Bennett/Dille
No report.
- B. CAPP – Bennett
No report.
- C. Library Committee – Sellers
No report.

7. Announcements/for the good of the University

Hill asked committee members for their input on prioritizing a list of four areas outlined by the Tuition Strategies committee. They would like to know which areas committee members feel should be first and so on. The four areas were: Faculty Salaries; support resources for staff and GTA; class room spaces and sections; and advising and training support resources. Hill will send more information to committee members.

Hill also reported that full funding was approved by Student Senate this past Thursday regarding the e-textbooks proposal submitted from faculty members, including Bennett, for a pilot program. Bennett reminded committee members this was a suggestion he made at the FS special session last May. This would lead to significant savings for students as well as create a pool of money to use for other needs, such as faculty salaries. A proposal was made to Student Senate to try this out and determine whether it could indeed be of future value for more than just a pilot project.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.