

AGENDA
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
December 1, 2015, 3:30 pm
Union room 204

1. Call to Order
2. Approve the November 17, 2015 minutes
3. Course and Curriculum Changes (*items sent out to listserv by Nov. 20*)
 - A. UNDERGRADUATE
 1. Approve the following selective admissions proposal as approved by the College of Engineering on November 12, 2015:

College of Engineering

Add: Selective Admissions. Rationale: The College of Engineering has been receiving students who are not academically prepared to enter the first year of the curriculum which includes MATH 220 and CHEM 210. Many of these students leave the college, fail one or more of their first semester courses, go on academic warning and/or create financial debt.

- 50% to 75% of the students with an ACT of 19 or lower leave the college
- 40% to 47% of the students with an ACT of 20-23 leave the college
- 76% of the students with a MATH ACT of 21 or lower earn a “D” or “F” in MATH 220. They need a “C” to move forward. Note: This does not include the number who dropped the course.

2. Approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Engineering on November 12, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Gina Leon on November 12, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

Biological & Agricultural Engineering

Changes:

BAE 131 - ~~Introductory Design for Biological and Agricultural Engineers~~ Biological Systems Engineering Project I

Computing and Information Sciences

Add:

CIS 090 - CIS Scholars Seminar

Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Changes:

NE ~~250~~ 350- Reactor Operations Laboratory

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Computing and Information Sciences

Drop: BS in Information Systems. See supplemental file for rationale.

3. Approve the following course and curriculum changes as approved by the College of Arts and Sciences on November 12, 2015 (sent out to the listserv by Karen Solt on November 13, 2015):

COURSE CHANGES

Dean of Arts and Sciences

Add:

DAS 225 – Fundamentals of Global Food Systems Leadership; K-State 8: Global Issues and Perspectives

DAS 325 – Uncertainty in Global Food Systems Leadership; K-State 8: Human Diversity within the US
DAS 425 – Global Food Systems Leadership in Action; K-State 8: Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning;
Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility

Modern Languages

Add:

FREN 512 – French/Francophone Cinema; K-State 8: Aesthetic Interpretation; Global Issues and Perspectives

Philosophy

Changes:

PHILO 585 – Ethics; K-State 8: ~~Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning~~ Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Modern Languages

- Changes to the Modern Languages B.A. (French). See supplemental file for rationale.
- Changes to the French Minor. Rationale: The change in hours reflects what students are currently doing in their programs of study in French. This change will not actually require students to take an extra course. Rather, it reflects credit students are obtaining already through retroactive credit or through their course selection.
- NEW: Spanish Translation Minor. See supplemental file for rationale.

Philosophy

- Changes to the Philosophy BA/BS. Rationale: We are adding a capstone seminar course, Philo 681, as a mechanism to enforce compliance with assessment activities. This change requires students to take PHILO 681 (for 0 credits) before graduation. PHILO 681 requires students to submit 3 papers of their choice, which papers are used for assessment purposes.

Statistics

- Changes to the Statistics and Data Science BA/BS. Rationale: We propose (1) to modify the course requirements for the undergraduate major in statistics to modernize the program and (2) to change the name of the major to Statistics and Data Science to more accurately reflect the nature of the discipline. Statistics is fast-growing major throughout the country, and the proposed changes are intended to capitalize on the popularity. In addition, the modification of the course requirements will help in the development of a concurrent BS/MS program in statistics.

4. Announcements/for the good of the University
5. Adjourn

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2015; 3:30 pm; Union room 204