
**Undergraduate Studies Council
Minutes of 9 February 2021****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Council was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on 9 February 2021 through a virtual Webex meeting by Michael Duffy, vice chair.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Jessica Birnbaum, Deanna Bush, David Colson, Carrie Cumming, Michael Duffy, Betsy Drummer, Clifton Ealy, Steven Eberth, Bruce Ferrin, Kate LaLonde, Eli Lantz, Adriane Little, Irma Lopez, Dianna Sachs, Yuanliang Sun, Nicolas Witschi

Members Absent: Elijah Lewis, Colin MacCreery, Daniela Schroeter

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Matthew Mingus

Advisory Member: Edwin Martini

Academic Advising Liaison: Betsy Drummer

Guests: Janet Hahn, School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Mark Kelley, Director, Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Carla Chase, Chair, Occupational Therapy; Marcia Fetters, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Regena Fails Nelson, Chair, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies; James Muchmore, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies

Quorum

A quorum was present

Agenda

It was moved by Ferrin, seconded by Mingus, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

It was moved by Schroeter, seconded by LaLonde, to accept the minutes of 12 January 2021 as presented. With one abstention the motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Ealy provided the report of the Senate meeting. At the Senate meeting the International Education Council provided a report on global engagement at WMU and the Provost reported the formation of the Institutional Interdisciplinarity Team.

Ex Officio Mingus reported that details are not yet available regarding the commitment for members of the Institutional Interdisciplinarity Team since it is unclear how many proposals are expected. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Duffy did not provide the report of the Intellectual Skills Program Advisory Committee.

Tenney did not provide the report of the Service Learning Course Approval Committee.

Hennessey did not provide the report of the Transfer of Credit Committee.

Unfinished Business

It was moved by Mingus, seconded by Ferrin to approve ART KI-01.KFJ-New-KineticImaging-Major.Fall2021; ART KI-01a.KIAN-New-KineticImagingAnimation-Minor.Fall2021; ART KI-01b.KIGN-New-KineticImagingGame-Minor.Fall2021; and ART KI-01c.KIVN-New-KineticImagingVideo-Minor.Fall2021 proposals as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Hahn presented the CHHS 08-20.HSS-New-HealthcareSrvsScience-Minor.Fall2021 proposal. The intent of the program is to prepare students for healthcare programs using existing course. It was moved by Sachs, seconded by Ferrin, to approve CHHS 08-20-HSS-New-HealthcareSrvsScience-Minor.Fall2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chase presented the CHHS 09-20.OT-New-OccupationalTherapy-Major.Fall2020 proposal. The intent of the program is to provide a new path as an assistant who supports the occupational therapist roll. This allows the Occupational Therapy Department to offer a program in occupational therapy that is both undergraduate in addition to the graduate program. The current Master's degree program is being phased out. The Bachelor's degree program for OT is the goal for the future. Carrie Cumming asked that students be aware of the pre-requisite courses. A request for clarification regarding the credit hours for completion was made. Those changes are to be made outside of committee and pertinent members will be notified of the updates. It was moved by Ferrin, seconded by Sachs, to approve CHH 09-20 OT-New-OccupationalTherapy-Major.Fall2021 as presented. With one abstention the motion carried unanimously.

Fetters presented the CEHD 1109.SPLS-New-TeachEnglishSpeakOtherLang-Major.Fall2021 proposal. This is an addition to the pre-K program as a new major and a new endorsement for teaching in kindergarten through 12th grade education. Discussion was held regarding the market demand and if there are jobs that prefer this endorsement. It was moved by Lopez, seconded by Sachs, to approve CEHD 1109.SPLS-New-TeachEnglishSpeakOtherLang-Major.Fall2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Fetters presented the CEHD 1119-A.SPLS-Revised(namechange)-SpecialEdElementaryEd-Major.Fall2021 proposal. It is a name change for the Special Education program. The purpose is to allow special education teachers to graduate in four years instead of five or more. This is an endorsement for special education and P-K3. Clarification of the intent of this program needs to be clearly explained in the catalog to ensure it is well understood by students. It was moved by Sachs, seconded by Duffy, to approve CEHD 1119-A.SPLS-Revised(namechange)-SpecialEdElementaryEd-Major.Fall2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Fetters presented the CEHD 1120.SPLS-Other(acclgraddegree)-SpecialEd-MA.Fall2021 proposal. It reduces the time in program and offers the opportunity to accelerate the certification process to be qualified sooner. Enrollment is expected to increase in this program as a result. It was moved by Duffy, seconded by Sachs, to approve CEHD 1120.SPLS-Other(acclgraddegree)-SpecialEd-MA.Fall2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Ealy spoke about the extent of the new certifications. There were certifications for B-K and PK-3 for example. Muchmore presented the CEHD-1118.TLES-New-CurriculumElemEd(revised11-19-20).Fall 2021 proposal. To become an elementary teacher in Michigan students are being required to have a certification in teaching with new requirements. This has been redesigned to meet the new state requirements. The curriculum is a set of requirements needed for multiple majors. Discussion was held regarding external market demands regarding the reduction of credit hours given the additional requirements and state requirements for Michigan in comparison to other states and how this affects those who transfer from one state to another. Hiring of an additional faculty member was discussed and was weighed against the loss of two faculty members. It was moved by Duffy, seconded by Sachs to approve CEHD-1118.TLES-New-CurriculumElemEd(revised11-19-20). Fall 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

A discussion was held regarding an issue with respect to the Dean's List. Cummins explained how this would affect the Registrar's office and recommended a language change for the Dean's List nominations. It was suggested that it be recommended to the Faculty Senate Executive Board that the policy regarding students receiving the Dean's List commendation be temporarily altered from fall 2020 through, and including, fall 2021 so that students with incomplete course grades may still receive the commendation if they meet all the other established requirements and the dean's recommendation. It was moved by Mingus, seconded by Sachs, to change the Dean's List nomination language. The motion carried unanimously.

Ferrin reported that faculty in his department received notification of a new proposal on health education and human performance that pertains to an Event Management major that will be coming forward.

Adjournment

It was moved by Irma, seconded by Michael, to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Undergraduate Studies Council will meet next on 2 March 2021, on a virtual Webex meeting at 3 p.m.

Approval

Submitted by Steven Eberth

Minutes approved the second day of March 2021.