

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL  
Tuesday, 13 April 2010, 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, D. Cowan, B. Ferrin, K. Hearit, K. Hillenbrand, I. Nash, D. Nisula, D. Ravotas, D. Reinhold (for Provost T. Greene), D. Sachs, G. Whitehurst, J. Wu

**Absent without substitution:** A. Smith, V. Torano

**Guests:** Betty Dennis, associate dean, Extended University Programs; Don Nelson, chair, Computer Science; Jessica Parker, General University Studies advisor; Tammi Roberts, academic advisor, College of Arts and Sciences

**Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office, Jeanine Bartholomew, academic advising liaison

**Procedural Items**

Council Chair Bruce Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

*Acceptance of Agenda*

Cowan moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Nash. Motion carried.

*Approval of the Minutes*

Aravamuthan moved approval of the minutes of 9 February, seconded by Cowan. Motion carried.

*Chair's Remarks*

The chair welcomed Nick Andreadis, interim dean of Lee Honors College, as a new member to USC. Ferrin also reported the council's proposed change in its role statement was approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Board on 26 February.

**Action Items**

Lewis Walker Institute - Minor in Race and Ethnic Relations [CAS-602]

Tammi Roberts answered questions from the council regarding this proposed new minor. Reinhold moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Nash. Motion passed.

Extended University Programs/General University Studies - Revised Major  
[EUP-002-10]

Betty Dennis addressed the council regarding this proposal. Part of the proposal involves a change of name. This helps students who know similar programs at other institutions by this name. There is also a change proposed in the code the Registrar's Office uses to list these courses. This change would consolidate two existing codes into one. The final part of this proposal would lower the minimum number of college credit hours a student would need to be eligible to declare a General Studies major. Currently, students must have 115 credit hours before being eligible to declare, but this means many students drop out of Western before reaching this point because their interests don't fit an established major. The council made suggestions for how to improve the proposal. There was no motion to approve the existing proposal as EUP representatives agree to revise this proposal and bring it back to USC for further review.

Computer Science - Create Accelerated Bachelors/Masters Program  
[CEAS-10-03-CS revised]

Don Nelson answered questions from the council regarding this proposal. Hearit moved acceptance of the proposal, seconded by Ravotas. Motion carried.

**Other**

The registrar previously asked this council about enacting a policy limiting the maximum number of credit hours a student may register for. It now seems this is a matter that falls under the purview of the Professional Concerns Committee. Reinhold will be speaking to the members of that committee, and will report back to this council regarding that discussion.

Nick Andreadis addressed the council and endorsed the idea of a Student Planned Curriculum.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner