

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 8 February 2011, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Kelly Ackerson (for K. Hillenbrand), N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, Maira Bundza (for D. Sachs), B. Ferrin, K. Hearit, P. Krawutschke, M. Kritzman, D. Ravotas, David Reinhold (for Provost T. Greene), C. Thralls, V. Torano, G. Whitehurst.

Absent without substitution: A. Anderson, J. Wu.

Guests: Lee deLisle, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Ben Ofori-Amoah, Geography.

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office, Betty Dennis, associate dean, Extended University Programs.

Procedural Items

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Aravamuthan moved acceptance of the agenda as amended, seconded by Kritzman. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Kritzman moved approval of the minutes of 7 December 2010, seconded by Andreadis. Motion carried.

Action Items

Health, Physical Education and Recreation – New Minor in Event Management [CoEHD 186a] – Lee deLisle, Chair (Revisit proposal first discussed at USC’s 7 December 2010 meeting.)

Lee deLisle addressed the council regarding the proposal for a new minor in Event Management. The council discussed this matter at its previous meeting, and the issue was postponed until today. Letters of support have now been provided from other affected departments. Kritzman moved acceptance of the proposal as amended in our discussion, seconded by Torano. Motion carried.

Geography – Delete the Geography Major – Urban and Regional Planning Program [CAS 804]

Ben Ofori-Amoah addressed the council regarding the proposal to drop this major. He explained that the department has a standing major in community and regional planning that meets the requirements of accreditation, and so this major is no longer needed. Hearit raised questions about how this would affect students transferring from community colleges. Reinhold asked the council to notify their departmental colleagues of the need to notify community colleges regarding proposed changes in their majors and course offerings. Departments can get information about doing this by contacting Ken Schaefer in Admissions.

Andreadis moved acceptance of the proposal, seconded by Krawutschke. Motion carried.

Accelerated Degree Program

Reinhold addressed the council regarding the recent Senate proposal regarding the Accelerated Degree Program. The administration cannot act on this Memorandum of Action as written. What is needed is a joint committee from the USC and Graduate Studies Council to deal with wording regarding substitutions for required courses. Reinhold asked for volunteers from this council to serve on this committee and Ferrin and Ravotas volunteered.

Information/Discussion Items

Proposal to Establish A Honors College Faculty Fellows Designation – Nicholas Andreadis, Dean, Lee Honors College

Andreadis addressed the council regarding this proposal. The proposal is to have designation of an Honors College Faculty Fellow that is similar to the designation of a member of the graduate faculty. Andreadis explained the draft proposal to this council, and solicited input and advice. Krawutschke moved that the council endorse this proposal, seconded by Thralls. Motion carried.

General Education Matrix for Council Charges 2 & 3 – Bruce Ferrin

Ferrin discussed a “decision matrix” he created to help the council address its charges from the Senate regarding general education.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner