

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 8 November 2011, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, B. Ferrin, K. Hearit, K. Hillenbrand, P. Krawutschke, M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold (for Provost T. Greene), D. Sachs, C. Thralls, G. Whitehurst

Absent without substitution: E. Kaplan, D. Ravotas, V. Torano, A. Wiley

Guests: David Charlton, Philosophy; Marica Feters, Chair, Committee to Oversee General Education; Joh Geiser, Vice Chair, COGE; Kevin Knutson, Director, College of Arts and Sciences Advising and COGE liaison; Mike Tarn, Chair, Business Information Systems; Linda Zoeller, Director, WMU Bronson School of Nursing

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate, Jeanine Bartholomew, Academic Advising Liaison

Procedural Items

Council Chair Bruce Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Krawutschke moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Andreadis moved approval of the minutes of 11 October 2011, seconded by Krawutschke. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Ferrin announced that the council elected Daneen Wardrop (English) and James Palmitessa (History) to COGE by an email vote since our last council meeting.

Information/Discussion Item

Committee to Oversee General Education and Lee Honors College General Education Courses – Marcia Feters, COGE Chair; John Geiser, COGE Vice Chair; and Nicholas Andreadis, Dean, Lee Honors College

Marcia Feters addressed the council. Feters reviewed the history of recent discussions regarding requests from the Lee Honors College for Gen Ed approval

for courses offered by the Lee Honors College. COGE is unclear whether or not courses offered specifically for honors students can be approved as meeting Gen Ed requirements. COGE is seeking advice from this council on this matter.

Action Items

Interdisciplinary Medical Humanities Minor [CAS 924] – David Charlton, Philosophy

David Charlton discussed the proposal for a Medical Humanities Minor. This would be an interdisciplinary program, with relevant courses coming from various departments and colleges across campus. Anderson moved acceptance of the proposals, seconded by Kritzman. A motion was then made to table this proposal until next month to clarify which department or college has financial and advising responsibility for the program. Motion to table carried.

Health Informatics and Information Management Major [HCOB 2411] & [CHHS 028-11] – will receive Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from Haworth College of Business or Bachelor of Science (BS) from College of Health and Human Services – Mike Tarn, Chair, Business Information Systems, and Linda Zoeller, Director, WMU Bronson School of Nursing

Linda Zoeller and Mike Tarn addressed the council regarding both the proposed major and minor. These programs would rely on resources from both the College of Health and Human Services and the Haworth College of Business. Kritzman moved, seconded by Andreadis, approval of this proposed major. Motion carried.

Health Informatics and Information Management Minor [HCOB 2511] & [CHHS 029-11] – Mike Tarn, Chair, Business Information Systems, and Linda Zoeller, Director, WMU Bronson School of Nursing

Krawutschke moved, seconded by Kritzman, approval of this proposed minor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner