

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL  
Tuesday, 8 January 2013, 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, K. Baldner, K. Hillenbrand, M. Kritzman, E. Phillips (for K. Ackerson), D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Thralls, V. Torano, D. Walcott, G. Whitehurst

**Absent without substitution:** A. Salvaggio

**Guests:** Pat Benton, Aviation; Chris Biggs and David Code, Music; Steven Butt, Chair, and Paul Engelmann, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; Ben Ofori-Amoah, Chair, Geography; Shawn Tenny, Coordinator, Office of Service Learning

**Also present:** Betty Dennis, Extended University Programs

**Procedural Items**

Council Chair Ariel Anderson called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

*Acceptance of Agenda*

Andreadis moved acceptance of the agenda (with change of order), seconded by Thralls. Motion carried.

*Approval of the Minutes*

Atkin moved approval of the minutes of 4 December 2012, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

*Chair's Remarks*

Anderson noted that the Senate Executive Board sent a copy of a Western Student Association resolution (requesting a syllabi of record) for the USC to review and comment on. This will be sent to council members electronically for discussion at the February meeting.

**Action Items – Curriculum Proposals**

*School of Music: Create a new minor in Multimedia Arts Technology-Music [M6.12-13 MusTechMinor]*

Chris Biggs and David Code from Music addressed the council. WMU has a long history of innovation in multimedia arts and technology. There is an increasing need and interest for music performance majors to develop expertise in audio and

video technology as part of their entrepreneurial skill set. This new minor complements the Bachelor of Music performance tracks by providing a secondary emphasis on technology, and provides an outlet for non-music majors with an interest in music technology. This minor requires only courses already offered in the School of Music, and so should not impact other colleges or departments and will require no additional resources. Whitehurst moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Andreadis. Motion carried.

*Department of Aviation Sciences*

*a. Delete the degree in Aviation Flight Science, Option B [AVS-077]*

Pat Benton from Aviation addressed the council regarding all three of these proposals. "Option B" is the "compressed" version of the Aviation Flight Science Degree program. It is no longer offered, and there are no plans to re-introduce it. Deleting the program should have no effects on students, but will help clean up Banner codes. Kritzman moved approval of this proposal, seconded by Andreadis. Motion carried.

*b. Change program title from Aviation Flight Science, Option A to Aviation Flight Science [AVS-078]*

With the elimination of the "Option B" Flight Science Degree Program, there is no longer any purpose in referring to the remaining Degree Program as "Option A." This change should have no effect on students, but will help clean up Banner codes. Kritzman moved approval of this proposal, seconded by Andreadis. Motion carried.

*c. Change program title from Aviation Science and Administration to Aviation Management and Operations [AVS-079]*

Aviation faculty feel that this title better describes the kinds of careers its graduates may be fitted for. Kritzman moved approval of this proposal, seconded by Andreadis. Motion carried.

*Department of Geography – Ben Ofori-Amoah, Chair*

*a. Delete the Geographic Information Science undergraduate major [CAS1061]*

Ben Ofori-Amoah addressed the council regarding these two proposals. He explained that the Geographic Information Science major differs from the general Geography major by only two courses. It is being eliminated as a separate major, and will be offered instead as a "Concentration" with the general Geography major. The only effect will be to simplify Banner codes. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

*b. Delete the Environmental Analysis and Resource Management undergraduate major [CAS1062]*

Ofori-Amoah explained that this major too differs by only two courses from the general Geography major, and so it too will be eliminated as a separate major, and will be offered instead as a concentration with the general Geography major. The only effect will be to simplify Banner codes. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

*Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering: Revise the Manufacturing Technology Minor – simplify the name to Manufacturing, reduce credit hours from 18 to 15, delete elective courses ECE 1000, ECE 1010, IME 1220 and IME 3500, add elective course IME 2001 and other IME course with prior approval of advisor [CEAS-13-26-IME]*

Steve Butt and Paul Engelmann addressed the council regarding this proposal. This proposal simplifies the name of this minor, lowers the minimum number of required credit hours, and changes some of the electives within the minor. This change will bring the Manufacturing minor in line with other minors in the IME Department, and reflects advice from the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Board. Thralls moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkins. Motion carried.

#### **Discussion/Action Items**

*Service Learning – Shawn Tenny, Coordinator, Office of Service Learning*

Shawn Tenny addressed the council. Tenny was invited to assist USC with regard to its charge to “Devise a university-wide working definition of service learning and establish the basic components of a service learning course using best practices.” Tenny described her role overseeing Service Learning courses and acting as a liaison with community organization in creating these courses. Tenny proposed a definition of service learning as a “mutually beneficial endeavor in which course learning objectives are met by addressing community identified needs and putting academics into practice.” She also offered criteria by which to evaluate service learning courses. She suggested that any course designated as service learning involve a minimum of 15 hours of service. Anderson suggested that members of this council ought to work with members of the Office of Service Learning to help formulate what the definition and basic components of Service Learning courses ought to be. Atkins and Hillenbrand indicated interest in working with the Service Learning Office for this purpose.

*Council Charges: Tabled.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner