

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 12 February 2013, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, K. Baldner, D. Buckland, K. Hillenbrand, M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Thralls, V. Torano, D. Walcott, G. Whitehurst

Absent without substitution: N. Andreadis

Guests: Pat Benton, Chair, Aviation Curriculum Committee; Steve Bertman, Chemistry; Leigh Ford, Director, Communication; Molly Lynde-Recchia, Chair, World Languages and Literatures; Donald Schreiber, Chair, Chemistry

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

Procedural Items

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Atkin moved acceptance of the agenda with a change in the order of two items, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Ackerson moved approval of the minutes of 8 January 2013, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Anderson noted that Dillon Buckland from the Western Student Association is replacing Anna Salvaggio. Anderson reported attending a meeting of council chairs with the Faculty Senate's Restructuring Committee and the 7 February Faculty Senate meeting.

Action Items – Curriculum Proposals

Department of Aviation Sciences

Create a New Minor in Military Leadership [AVS-075]

Pat Benton from Aviation addressed the council regarding these proposals. He explained that adding this minor would allow students enrolled in the Air Force

Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program, or those students taking AFROTC courses, to earn a minor degree on their transcripts. At present these students earn only the credits for taking these courses. This addition would allow such students to have a minor in addition to their primary major. Having this minor opens up possibilities for graduates. All required course and electives are already offered.

Create a New Minor in Professional Aviation Preparation [AVS-076]

Adding this minor would allow students in any of the Aviation programs to earn an aviation related minor. By making the relevant course as part of a bachelor's degree, this minor would allow students seeking employment in commercial aviation access to financial aid or GI benefits they would not otherwise be eligible for. Kritzman proposed acceptance of both of these proposals, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried.

Department of Chemistry -- Establish a Banner Code for the ASC Certified Chemistry Major to Differentiate it from LEC Chemistry Major [CAS-1094]

Donald Schreiber from Chemistry addressed the council regarding this proposal. The LEC Chemistry major and the ACS certified major are already awarded and have different requirements, but both are tracked with the same Banner code. This proposal would simply create separate codes for each. Aravamuthan proposed acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Thralls. Motion carried.

Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering -- Change Program Name and Prefix from Aeronautical Engineering AAE to Aeronautical Engineering AE and Revise Program and Graduation Requirements [CEAS-13-41-MAE]

Dave Reinhold addressed the council regarding this proposal. Two courses are dropped, two added, and another has a change in numbers to modify a sequence of courses. The proposed change would require two space related courses to be eligible for Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) accreditation as an Aerospace Program. Two additional faculty have already been hired and are developing the new courses. Aravamuthan proposed acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkins. Motion carried.

School of Communication -- Delete the Secondary Communication Minor [CAS-1081]

Leigh Ford from Communication addressed the council regarding this proposal. She explained that due to decreasing numbers of faculty, the School of Communication can no longer staff the courses this minor requires. The curriculum currently required for National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation no longer emphasizes these aspects of communication, and the number of secondary education majors is dropping. The

faculty in the School of Communication voted unanimously to eliminate this minor. Aravamuthan proposed acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Department of World Languages and Literatures

*Create a New Teaching Minor – Japanese Minor: Education Curriculum
[CAS-1022]*

Molly Lynde-Recchia addressed the council regarding these three proposals. The first proposal would create a new teaching minor in Japanese for students majoring in Education who are seeking to become certified to teach in grades 6-12. The new teaching minor would require students to take an additional course--not required in the existing "ordinary" minor--designed to prepare students to be effective foreign language teachers. The new minor would not require the creation of any new courses.

*Create a New Teaching Minor – Chinese Minor: Education Curriculum
[CAS-1023]*

This proposal would create a new teaching minor in Chinese for students majoring in Education who are seeking to become certified to teach in grades 6-12. The new teaching minor would require students to take an additional course--not required in the existing "ordinary" minor--designed to prepare students to be effective foreign language teachers. The new minor would not require the creation of any new courses.

Create a New Teaching Minor – Arabic Minor: Education Curriculum [CAS-1024]

This proposal would create a new teaching minor in Arabic for students majoring in Education who are seeking to become certified to teach in grades 6-12. The new teaching minor would require students to take an additional course--not required in the existing "ordinary" minor--designed to prepare students to be effective foreign language teachers. The new minor would not require the creation of any new courses. Hillenbrand proposed acceptance of these three proposals, seconded by Ackerson. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items

*Update on Susan Albertine, Association of American Colleges and Universities,
Visit*

Marilyn Kritzman began the discussion of this visit. Albertine visited the University to discuss General Education curriculum. Those attending felt that it was time to consider making changes to our General Education Policy. Members of the Senate discussed the procedural moves that would be necessary to initiate a campus-wide discussion that might lead to making changes to this policy.

Western Student Association Resolution Regarding Syllabus of Record

WSA has recently passed a resolution recommending that faculty create a "syllabus of record" for each course at Western, which could be made available to existing and prospective students. WSA Representative Buckland addressed the council regarding this resolution. Buckland indicated that the idea of suggesting faculty develop syllabi of record originated from his routine discussions with Provost Tim Greene. The council provided several suggestions for the WSA resolution and thanked Buckland for his input.

Council Charges

Discussion tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner