

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 14 May 2013, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, K. Baldner, K. Hillenbrand, April Kirkland (representing the Western Student Association), M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Tremblay, G. Whitehurst. **Absent without substitution:** N. Andreadis, J. Atkin, C. Thralls, V. Torano, D. Walcott. **Guests:** Said AbuBakr, Chair, Chemical and Paper Engineering, Chris Biggs and David Code, Music. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office; Jeanine Bartholomew, Academic Advising Liaison; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs

Procedural Items

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Hillenbrand moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Ackerson. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Kritzman moved approval of the minutes of 9 April 2013, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Anderson noted that N. Andreadis, J. Atkin, and D. Walcott all expressed their regrets on not being able to attend this afternoon. Christopher Tremblay, associate provost for enrollment management, will be replacing Keith Hearit on the council. Anderson welcomed Tremblay, and there were general introductions.

Action Items

School of Music: Create a new major degree; Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Arts and Technology [M22. 12-13 Multimedia Arts] – David Code and Chris Briggs

David Code and Chris Briggs addressed the council. At least 80% of music today incorporates some form of technology, in both the world of performance and the realm of commercial music found in films, video games, etc. Technical work in these areas requires a working knowledge of the relevant hardware and software, and so there is a need for performers to develop this skill set. Many of the current students come with performance in mind. The purpose of this program is to

attract a new group of students. The proposed degree would require 122 credit hours. The school believes it has the faculty expertise to offer this program. The council considered various proposed changes in language, and eventually agreed on the following provisos:

1. There should be a clear statement in the catalog copy about whether a student can have both a major and a minor within the School of Music.
2. The admission process should clearly state how many times a student may apply for the program.
3. There should be a clear statement of whether there will be a pre-program process for admission. If not, then a statement should be made as to when a student will be stopped from taking courses within the program. This is to prevent a student from taking the majority of the courses and then applying for admission.

Baldner moved acceptance of the proposal with the above provisos, seconded by Ackerson. Motion carried.

Department of Chemical and Paper Engineering: Deletion of the Paper Science Program [CEAS-13-120-CHP] – Said AbuBakr, Chair

Said AbuBakr explained that enrollment in this program is very low, with only two graduates in the last ten years. The rest of the department's programs could continue without any change. Existing students will have the option of graduating with a degree in Paper Science or in Chemical Engineering. Whitehurst moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Kritzman. Motion carried.

Review of Graduate Studies Council Recommendation for Changes to the Accelerated Degree Program

Anderson discussed some of the issues raised at the council's last meeting concerning the ADP program. A group of council members will work out some of the problems and come back next month with a final proposed draft of a revised ADP program.

Intellectual Skills Program Advisory Committee (ISPAC) Recommendation

By e-mail Marilyn Duke had indicated that meeting the charges to them from this council were not practical at this time. ISPAC respectfully requests that another committee be established to address charges 9 and 10. The council recommends that ISPAC focus at this time on the first 8 charges, and get to charges 9 and 10 when they are able to. Anderson will get back to Marilyn Duke with suggestions for how to proceed.

Discussion/Action Items

Election of 2013-2014 Council Officers

Tabled until the June meeting.

Council Charges

Anderson thinks we have made fair progress with our charges and have dealt with other issues beyond USC's official charges.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner