

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

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

Members present: K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, K. Baldner, L. Coons, K. Hillenbrand, C. Koretsky, M. Kritzman, C. Peña, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Tremblay, D. Walcott. **Absent without substitution:** M. Cahill and G. Whitehurst.

Guests: Christine Browning, Mathematics; Kuanchin Chen and Mike Tarn, Business Information Systems; Mervyn Elliott, College of Aviation; Steve Kohler, Environmental Studies; John Mueller and Bret Wagner, Management. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office, and Betty Dennis, Extended University Programs.

Procedural Items

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

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Atkin moved approval of the minutes of 12 November 2013, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

D. Walcott announced that on 13 February 2014 there will be a series of speakers and a program addressing issues regarding suicide prevention. She asked that we make an effort to attend and to publicize this event. More information will follow. [*Thanks to Laura Decker for taking minutes last month in my absence! kb*]

Action/Discussion Items

College of Fine Arts – School of Music

[M10.12-13] Delete the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education/Music

The proposal is to delete the Elementary Education/Music degree because the State of Michigan no longer recognizes music education degrees with less than 65 hours of music coursework. Atkin moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried.

College of Education and Human Development – Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
[CoEHD 344B] Revise the Industrial Technology Education Major

This proposal revises the Industrial Technology Education major to comply with changes in state standards. These changes would apply to vocational (IVSJ) and non-vocational (INSJ) majors. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

College of Education and Human Development – Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
[CoEHD 343B] Revise the Industrial Technology Education Minor

This proposal reflects the above changes proposed in the major, and again is required to comply with changes in state standards. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Kritzman. Motion carried.

College of Aviation – Department of Aviation Sciences
[AVS-084] Create an Aviation Science Minor

Mervyn Elliott addressed the council regarding this proposal. This proposal would introduce a minor for students not enrolled in the College of Aviation. It would provide knowledge of airplanes and the airline industry for those seeking employment in the airline industry. Baldner moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

Haworth College of Business – Department of Business Information Systems
[HCoB 4913] Change the name of the Electronic Business Design Minor to Business Mobile Development Minor

Chen and Tarn addressed the council regarding these two proposals. The proposed new name better reflects the content of this minor, given previously approved changes to its requirements. Atkin moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Aravamuthan. Motion carried.

Haworth College of Business – Department of Business Information Systems
[HCoB 4413] Create a Business Analytics Minor

This new minor would respond to an increasing demand in organizations to better understand the data related to their operations. The minor will provide a comprehensive skill set for students to analyze, visualize, and report data. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

Haworth College of Business – Department of Management
[HCoB 1113] Create an Entrepreneurship Major

Wagner and Mueller addressed the council regarding this proposal. It would create an interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship Major, administered by the

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner

Management Department within the Haworth College of Business. The Entrepreneurship program will focus on core capabilities of idea generation, opportunity recognition, resource acquisition, and entrepreneurial management. In addition to this proposal, several others (HCoB 1213—2213) are required to implement the major. (These other proposals have already been approved.) Kritzman moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

*College of Arts and Sciences – Environmental Studies Program
[CAS 14-47] Create a Freshwater Science and Sustainability Major*

Kohler addressed the council. This new major would culminate in a Bachelor of Science degree. The final two years of courses would be offered in an online/hybrid format. This would be an inter-disciplinary and integrative program designed to understand and research freshwater ecosystems, and to integrate scientific research with environmental, social, and economic issues of sustainable management. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

*College of Arts and Sciences – Department of Mathematics
[CAS 14-28] Create an Elementary/Middle School Mathematics Major*

Browning addressed the council regarding this proposal. Beginning in 2014, all students in Elementary Education programs will be required to choose one content major from four areas. The Elementary/Middle School Mathematics major would be one of the four areas that students in Elementary Education could choose. The proposed coursework would broaden and deepen the mathematical understanding of those selecting this major, providing them with a strong mathematical and pedagogical background to teach middle school mathematics. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

*College of Arts of Sciences – Department of Spanish
[CAS 1157] Delete the Spanish Education Minor*

In order to be certified to teach Spanish, students must pass a state-wide certification test. Pass rates for our Spanish majors and minors have been low, and so the department has decided to delete this minor. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Atkin. Motion carried.

*College of Arts of Sciences – Department of Spanish
[CAS 14-45] Create an Accelerated Degree Program in Spanish*

There were no representatives from Spanish present to address this proposal. The Senate has approved (but the administration has not yet formally approved) changes in Accelerated Degree Programs and these changes have not been incorporated in this proposal. Ackerson moved tabling this proposal until the January USC meeting. Motion carried.