

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 12 April 2016, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, K. Baldner, David Code (for L. Coons), T. Fischman, Brian Gogan (for J. Cousins), K. Hillenbrand, C. Koretsky, M. Kritzman, C. Tremblay, D. Walcott, G. Whitehurst

Absent without substitution: D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, E. Schleis

Guests: Ed Martini, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Chuck Pearson, Coordinator of Dual Enrollment and Early Middle College, EUP; David Kutzko, World Languages and Literatures

Procedural Items

Council Chair M. Kritzman called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Atkin moved acceptance of the agenda, as amended, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Atkin moved approval of the minutes of 15 March 2016, seconded by Gogan. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Kritzman reported on the most recent Faculty Senate meeting and introduced today's visitors. Kritzman reported that the charge regarding 5000+ level courses has been returned to the council. USC will need to begin thinking about officers for next year. She will be unable to continue as council chair, and Baldner will not be able to continue as secretary, so we will need to think about suggestions for those positions.

Action Items

1. Curriculum Proposal – World Languages and Literatures [CAS 16-152 WLL] – Create a Classical Studies Minor – David Kutzko
David Kutzko addressed the council. He explained that the current Latin minor has a language requirement of 12 credits in Latin, while students in the proposed minor would be able to choose an emphasis in Greek or Latin. The new program would provide an opportunity to explore a variety of topics from the ancient world in the English language. It would enable students to develop skills of critical thought and analysis while engaging with the foundations of

classical culture and literature. Council members thought that there was insufficient information provided to questions on the curricular proposal form, and suggested that the proposal be re-submitted with more justification. Code moved that we table the proposal pending receipt of further information, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

2. MOA-16/08 Revise High School Dual Enrollees Policy – Chuck Pearson, Edwin Martini
Tremblay, Martini, and Pearson addressed the council. Western Michigan University seeks to establish collaborative relationships with school districts to offer online and hybrid dual enrollment programming to high school students. This Memorandum Of Action would revise the WMU Undergraduate Catalog/Admissions/ Nontraditional Admission Programs/High School Dual Enrollees policy to allow some students to begin taking courses at Western while still in high school. Admission as a high school dual enrollment student would not constitute degree admission. Students who wish to apply for degree admission would still need to be considered under regular admission standards. The current dual enrollment policy is skewed towards honors students, while the MOA under consideration would attract a more diverse set of students. Aravamuthan proposed approval of this MOA, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

Action/Discussion/Information Items

1. Undergraduate Certificate Programs – David Code
David Code addressed the council. Last year USC passed a motion establishing an Undergraduate Certificate Program. Code argued that this motion was too restrictive in various ways. The proposal passed last year, for example, does not allow transfer credits to count toward a certificate. He also argued that the 24-credit hour maximum was too low. This led to a discussion about such certificate programs. Kritzman will convey these concerns to the Senate Executive Board to ask for advice for how the council should proceed.
2. Discussion of Revised MOA-15/10 Graduate and Undergraduate Catalog Revision for 5000-Level Courses – Tabled due to lack of time.
3. Discussion of a Student Success Oversight Committee – Tabled due to lack of time.
4. Council charges – Tabled due to lack of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner