The committee met on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bradley, Brumfield, Garibotto, Goldstein, Hilding, Kelly, Ledom, Morris, Persley, Rockey, Rufledt, Spreckelmeyer, Stock, Timm
Guest: J. Johnson

Chair’s Welcome: Dr. Rufledt called the meeting to order.

Approval of CUSA Minutes: A motion was made to approve the November 11, 2014 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean’s Office Update: Dr. Goldstein reported the CLAS Advisory Board meeting was held last weekend. One of the topics discussed were dual degree opportunities for our students and their support of these ongoing efforts.

Dr. Goldstein also discussed the Provost’s course re-design initiative. One of the many proposals mentioned in the report to the Provost was the extension of the teaching post-doc program that began in the College. It is the intention to put out the RFP for the College at least one more time as a part of the pilot. The Provost has asked that we target programs that have high DFW rates. The report also focused on the need for the right facilities to do course re-design which would involve technology, furniture, updated classrooms, etc. There has been much discussion regarding our facilities and potentially significant remodeling projects. We are currently in the process of designing new classrooms in the Earth, Energy and Environment Center to create more engaged learning centers for our students.

SAS Office Update: Ms. Ledom reminded the CUSA members that the fall 2014 graduation ceremony will be held Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lied Center with just under 200 students attending this graduation ceremony.

Departments should be mid-way through their catalog editing for next year. December 10th is the official date to have all edits completed and sent back. Please let Ms. Ledom know if your departments are having any problems meeting the deadline date.

Subcommittee Assignments:

a. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements/ KU Core Proposals
   1. Curricular Changes Approved
      Professor Hilding presented the Curricular Changes nominations. A motion was made to approve the Curricular Changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with minor grammatical corrections.


      CHANGES: COMS 132, COMS 133, HA 150, HA 151, HA 160, HA 161, HA 265/165, HA 266/166, HA 267/367, HA 268/368, HA 269/369, HA 467, HA 468, HA 469, HA 482/586, HA 488, HA 503/554, HA 548, HA 588

      DELETIONS: HA 369

   2. Degree Requirements for Approval:
      Professor Hilding presented the Degree Requirements nominations. A motion was made to approve the Degree Requirement. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with one minor grammatical correction.

      a. Changes to Existing Major to BS Geology – Geophysics option
      b. Changes to Existing Major to BS Geology – Earth & Space Science Licensure
      c. Changes to Existing Major to BS Geology – General Geology
      d. Changes to Existing Major to BS Geology – Environmental Geology
      e. Changes to Existing Major to BS Geology – Engineering Geology
      f. Changes to Existing Major to BA & BGS History of Art
      g. Changes to Existing requirements for Departmental Honors in History of Art
      h. Changes to Existing Major to BFA History of Art
Old Degree Requirements Business:
Old Degree Requirements are tabled awaiting additional information from department.
   a. Changes to Existing Major to BS Geography (PHSX 202 related)
   b. Changes to Existing to BS Atmospheric Science AND Atmospheric Science Minor (PHSX 202 related)

3. KU Core Proposals
   Professor Hilding presented the KU Core Proposal nomination. A motion was made to approve KU Core Proposal. The motion was made, seconded and passed with one vote to abstain.
   a. POLS 685 – GOAL 5.1

4. Old Business:
   Professor Hilding presented the following proposal. A motion was made to approve the ANTH 462 proposal. The motion was made, seconded and passed with two votes to abstain.

   Proposal to consider ANTH 462 as a lab/field experience course for the BA Degree Specific Requirements.

   ADDITIONAL RATIONALE:
   Course syllabus is still in development.
   The course teaches undergrads how to conduct fieldwork as cultural anthropologists, so it will teach a number of different ethnographic methods, all informed by professional ethics. We are working to identify a service learning component through which the students will be able to apply the skills as they learn them. It's very much a hands-on, in-the-field course with lectures/discussions twice weekly.

b. Academic Policies and Awards
   Professor Bayer reported that Professor Paul Atchley attending their subcommittee meeting last week for a discussion on certificates and on-line certificates specifically. The subcommittee reviewed the first draft of the university-wide certificate proposal. There were several questions and concerns the group felt needed to be addressed related to the university-wide certificate proposal. A meeting has been scheduled for next week with Lucy Russell and John Augusto to discuss concerns with them.

   The subcommittee had initial discussions on Dean’s Charge #2:
   Modify appropriately and develop implementation plan for the Dean’s Student Advisory Council’s proposal calling for syllabus standards across departments, and standardize grading scales in courses numbered 299 and lower. Solicit appropriate feedback from departments to build support and ensure effective implementation.

   This charged will be discussed at greater length in upcoming meetings. If anyone has input to share on this issue; please contact someone on the subcommittee with your thoughts and suggestions.

   The subcommittee is also looking at the retroactive withdrawal petition process and the process for students who are applying for a special major.

Adjournment 11:49 pm