The committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210, Strong Hall. The following were present: Atchley, Bayer, Bradley, Cotton-Spreckelmeyer, Goldstein, Hilding, Holm, Kelly, Morris, Timm, Weis
Guests: M. Goodyear, J. Johnson, S. Montague

Chair’s Welcome: Professor Atchley called the meeting to order.

Approval of CUSA Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March 10, 2015 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean’s Office Update: Dr. Goldstein announced new Interim Dean Don Steeples.

SAS Office Update: CLAS SAS is busy with main enrollment advising. With regards to changes to the Double Degree policy, CLAS is waiting to hear if there are any objections to the policy change. A plan for communication will begin this week or next week. Changes will be reflected by the DPR in the summer.

Subcommittee Assignments:
A. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements/ KU Core Proposals
   1. Curricular Changes Approved
      NEW COURSES: N/A
      CHANGES: N/A
      DELETIONS: N/A
   2. Degree Requirements for Approval:
      N/A
   3. KU Core Proposals
      N/A
A. Academic Policies and Awards
   N/A

Professor Atchley initiated a conversation about the BGS degree in the context of facilitating double degrees (this having been a charge given by Dean Anderson.) An earlier proposal for changes to the BGS submitted last year, which featured requirements similar to BA requirements (including an increase in quantitative literacy, written & oral communication, foreign language courses), was tabled indefinitely by CAC at the end of last year. Concerns were: not enough time left in the academic year to carefully consider & make a decision; questions about structure & intent of the BGS proposal; concerns about impact on Edwards Campus students.

In thinking about the BGS again, ask question of how the BGS allows for or inhibits the ability to pursue a double degree.

Currently the BGS requires either a second major or a minor. This creates a potential problem, in the sense that the current language does not indicate that the second major or minor has to be in the college. If the second major is outside the college, then in theory no CLAS hours would be required beyond the KU Core and major requirements – perhaps too few College hours for a College degree.

Professor Bayer no longer sees a purpose for the BGS degree, given that with the KU Core, a student getting a BA can now easily get a second major. There is also some concern that BGS students completing a major and a minor may flounder in choosing the rest of their hours to fill out the 120 credit hour requirement.

Another option would be to require multiple emphasis areas or certificates.

One option is to resubmit the previous proposal submitted to CAC last spring.

Adjournment approximately 12:20 pm