COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING  
Minutes of the Meeting for April 10, 2012

The committee met on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bradley, Burright, Conrad, Corbeill, Crosby, deBoer, Fischer, Goldstein, Hurst, Jackson, Ledom, Neidert, Pye, Vanchena  
Guests: Haufler, Hulse

MINUTES Professor Fischer chaired the meeting. A motion was made to approve (as corrected) March 27, 2012 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

CHAIR’S REPORT  Professor Fischer thanked Dr. Chris Haufler for attending the CUSA meeting to discuss the KU Core. The discussion centered on the KU Core draft document focusing on the criteria, core educational goals and learning outcomes for undergraduates. The members of CUSA took this opportunity to ask Dr. Haufler for clarification relating to the draft document to get a better understanding of what is being asked of CUSA moving forward.

Dr. Haufler stated that CUSA was the first committee to review this document. He will be trying to meet with all of the curricular committees of all schools in the coming days seeking their reactions, comments and feedback to help improve the process.

The members of the committee brought several topics forward including potential advising issues to make sure there is a mechanism in place so all components be completed within the allocated timeframe for graduation; timeline and readiness for roll out and implementation given that this requires a fundamental shift in past practice; how this will impact big enrollment courses and how to evaluate student achievement at each level; the mechanism used for approving specific experience goals, such as community service; criteria for mapping degree requirements; and where CUSA fits in with the University Core Curriculum Committee.

Professor Fischer requested given the scale of this undertaking, that CUSA be allowed to set up an ad hoc subcommittee to work on the curriculum changes that will be required to be brought forth to meet these goals. Dean Goldstein agreed that a temporary ad hoc committee should be formed.

Professor Fischer will draft language from previous discussions and email it to the committee as a starting point for discussions regarding BA degree requirements.

DEAN’S OFFICE REPORT Associate Dean Goldstein briefly discussed the proposals for 1st year seminars. CUSA will be evaluating proposals for the 1st year seminar. Ms. Ledom stated that nine pilot departments will be creating new courses that will have their own department prefix but will be similar to cross-listed special topics courses.

CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT No report at this time.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. ADVISING & AWARDS
   No report at this time.

B. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
   Professor Conrad presented the following:

C. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
   Professor Conrad presented the following:
   
   1a. Curricular Changes for Approval:
      
      NEW COURSES APPROVED:  *GERM 325, REES 498
      *The committee recommends for future consideration that a change in prefix designation for literature courses not taught in foreign language be considered.
      CHANGES APPROVED:       ENVR 420, REES 480, SPAN 424
      DELETIONS:
   
   1b. Curricular Changes-Motion to File
NEW TOPIC:  LA&S 101

2.  Degree Requirements for Approval

C.  ACADEMIC STANDARDS
No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of degree specific general education requirements in the College.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.