COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING
Minutes of the Meeting for October 25, 2011

The committee met on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bradley, Burright, Childers, Conrad, Crosby, DeBoer, Fischer, Goldstein, Gray, Jackson, Jelks, Hurst, McNeley, Neidert, Sereno, Vanchena

MINUTES A motion was made to approve the September 27th minutes.

CHAIR’S REPORT Professor Fischer moved his discussion to new business.

DEAN’S OFFICE REPORT Associate Dean Goldstein reiterated his support for a discussion of degree specific requirements specifically math and foreign language requirements.

CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT Dr. McNeley had nothing to report.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. ADVISING & AWARDS
Mr. Crosby reported that the Psychology department won the award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising. There was discussion about online advising versus face to face faculty advising that differed in departments due to size.

The Advising and Awards subcommittee plan on presenting to CUSA in the next couple of weeks a proposal to limit course withdrawals. After this announcement there was a brief discussion about pros and cons. A question was posed regarding the number of withdrawals students currently average.

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

1. Curricular Changes for Approval

NEW COURSES APPROVED: ABSC 470, ABSC 682, BIOL 648, CLSX 515*, CLSX 516*, GEOG 500, ITAL 103, ITAL 203, HIST 124, SLAV 626*, WGSS 515, WGSS 516

*Approved with minor grammatical corrections. Course corrections listed at the end of the minutes.

CHANGES APPROVED: BIOL 440, BIOL 550(428), EVRN 460, ATMO 699, LAA 100, SLAV 522, PORT 509, SPAN 300, SPAN 326, SPAN 328, SPAN 428, SPAN 464, SPAN 550, SPAN 560, SPAN 570

DELETIONS APPROVED: BIOL 631, CHEM 631, CLSX 315, WGSS 315

2. Degree Requirements for Approval

APPROVED: New Option within Applied Behavioral Science BA and BGS – Organizational Behavior Management and Research Practice, Change to Existing BA Biochemistry Major, Change to Existing BA Biochemistry Major, Change to Existing BS Biology – Genetics Major, Change to Existing BA Biology Major, Change to Existing BA Human Biology Major, Change to Existing BS Biology – Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Major, Change to Existing BS Biology – Organismal Major, Change to Existing BS Biology – Teaching Biology Major, Change to Existing Mathematics Major, Change to Existing BA Slavic Languages and Literatures Major, Change to Existing Geography Major – BA and BGS
TABLED: Change to Existing BS Geography – Geographical Information and Analysis Major, Change to Existing Geography Major – BS – Physical option

Discussion over the changes to a specified general education requirement, specifically humanities, in the above tabled degree requirement changes led to a request to hold off voting on this degree options until further discussion is had regarding University general education requirements as well as College degree specific requirements.

C. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS  Professor Fischer wants CUSA to discuss the limited degree specific requirements. It is clear that a discussion over math specific requirements needs to occur. Members mentioned that tying our conversation to the current University goals would help us fit better with the overall University requirements once they are announced. The committee is unsure how to proceed to get information from all of the College divisions and faculty. It was brought up that a survey had occurred last year that might provide data for CUSA to review. Dr. McNeley indicated that she would see if we could get access to that data.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

APPROVED COURSE CORRECTIONS

CLSX 515  GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN GREEK CULTURE  3 H
This course explores various approaches to the study of gender and sexuality in Greek antiquity. Contents will vary, and the course may focus on methodology and case studies, or on particular themes, historical periods, or artistic or literary genres. No knowledge of Greek or Latin is required.
Prerequisite: Graduate status, or 6 credit hours in Classics, Greek, Latin, or Women, Gender and "Sexuality Studies"; or permission of instructor. (Same as WGSS 515)

CLSX 516  GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN ROMAN CULTURE  3 H
This course explores various approaches to the study of gender and sexuality in Roman antiquity. Contents vary, and the course may focus on methodology and case studies, or on particular themes, historical periods, or artistic or literary genres. No knowledge of Greek or Latin is required. Prerequisite: Graduate status, or 6 credit hours in Classics, Greek, Latin, or Women, Gender and "Sexuality Studies"; or permission of instructor. (Same as WGSS 516)

SLAV 626  THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE ON THE SOUTH SLAVS  3 H
An examination of the cultural development of the South Slavs in the context of the Ottoman invasions and subsequent rule (14th-19th century), focusing on the frontier aspects of the Balkans, military culture, religion, economics and banditry, as well as other aspects of material and folk culture. No language requirement. Prerequisite: SLAV 316 or SLAV 508; or consent of instructor.

Submitted by Bridget Bradley.