The University of Kansas  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES & ADVISING  
AGENDA  
January 22, 2013, 11:15AM  
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

I. Welcome

II. Approval of CUSA Minutes from December 11, 2012

III. Chair’s Report
   a. Welcome and Address by Dean Anderson

IV. Dean’s Office Report

V. CLA&S Student Academic Services Report

VI. Subcommittee Chair Reports
   a. Advising and Awards
   b. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements
   c. Academic Standards

VII. Old Business:
   a. Bachelor of Arts requirement language adjustments
      i. Quantitative –
         1. Policy adjustment – item 2. Students should complete a quantitative literacy course beyond College Algebra. The course should be approved for the University Core Curriculum, should be at least 3 credits, and should have a College Algebra (or higher mathematics) prerequisite, or another course approved by CUSA. It must satisfy the following learning outcome…. (attachment 1)
      ii. Laboratory
         1. Policy adjustment – first paragraph: CLAS BA students will complete an academic-credit bearing laboratory or field experience in the natural, social, or behavioral sciences. Students must meet this requirement by taking either i) a combined lecture-laboratory course, ii) a laboratory course or field experience of one credit hour, or iii) an approved independent study of at least one credit hour… (attachment 2)

   b. Ad-Hoc Committee Standard Nomination courses (attachment 3)

VIII. Adjournment
COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING
Minutes of the Meeting for December 11, 2012

The committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bradley, Brumfield, Children, Conrad, Corbeill, deBoer, Fillian, Goldstein, Hamilton, Hilding, Hurst, Jackson, Kelly, Ledom, Neidert, Rockey, Stetler
Others in attendance: Byron Ceasar and Cindy Thompson

Approval of CUSA Minutes A motion was made to approve the November 27, 2012 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair’s Report: Professor Hurst thanked those attending the December 7 meeting with the Ad Hoc committee. The Ad Hoc committee and Chuck Marsh relayed that the information they received at this meeting would be very helpful to them going forward.

Dean’s Office Report No report at this time.

CLA&S Student Academic Services Report No report at this time.

Subcommittee Chair Reports - No reports at this time.
   a. ADVISING & SCHOLARSHIPS-No report at this time
   b. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
      A motion to approve the Curricular Changes was seconded, and CUSA voted unanimously to approve the following:

      1. Curricular Changes for Approval:
         NEW COURSES APPROVED: HA 392, HA 592, HIST 481, GEOL 101, GIST 301, GIST 493, GIST 610, REL 541, REL 543, REL 545
         CHANGES APPROVED: CHIN 562, CHIN 564, KOR 504, KOR 508, FMS 414, HA 584, GEOL 102, GEOL 501

      A motion to approve the Degree Requirements was seconded, and CUSA voted unanimously to approve the following:

      2. Degree Requirements Approved:
         a. Changes to Existing Major in Geology – BA & BS
         b. Changes to Existing Minor in Geology
         c. Changes to Existing Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

   c. ACADEMIC STANDARDS REPORT – No report at this time

Old Business:
   KU Core Second Fast-track Courses
      • A motion was made to contact departments that have courses identified as a “capstone” course to provisionally approve these courses for goal 6, if the departments approve, these courses will be forwarded to UCCC for their approval as ‘capstone’ courses. The motion was seconded and CUSA voted with one abstention, to approve these “capstone” courses.

      • US Diversity Courses:
         The subcommittees were asked to review these courses based on the catalog descriptions and assign goals and outcomes to these courses and to confirm for the purpose of provisional approval that these courses would reasonably fit into the proposed goal/outcome. The departments would then be contacted and have the opportunity to agree to have their courses recommended for provisional purposes or decline to have their courses recommended.
New Business:

- **BA Writing requirements**
  CUSA membership discussed the proposal and rationale for CLAS BA First-year English Writing Requirement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposal and rationale for CLAS BA First-year English Writing Requirement with approved revisions and appendix included. (Attachment 1)

- **Possible additional breadth requirements for BA**
  KU Core, goal 3 – Breadth of Knowledge—Requires three units, one each meeting the stated criteria for the arts and humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences. The membership began discussions regarding additional requirements they feel may be needed to satisfy the breadth requirements for the BA degree. The Advising and Awards subcommittee will draft a proposal and rational for the membership to review.

- **Global and International course**
  The College has tentatively asked CUSA to consider presenting an argument/rationale proposal for a Global and International Course distinct from other learning goals. After initial general discussion, this topic was tabled but CUSA membership will revisit this topic in a future meeting.

- **BA Language amendment for Study Abroad**
  The following language has been approved through CUSA for the B.A. non-English language requirement:

  Students must either:
  1. demonstrate the equivalent of the initial four semesters of study in a single language other than English
  2. demonstrate the equivalent of the initial three semesters of study in one language AND the equivalent of the initial semester of study in a different language.

  A suggestion has been made to CUSA to consider for inclusion in this language to be able to substitute a study abroad experience in a non-English speaking country to fulfill one requirement.

  This request was not acted upon.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.