The committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Antonik, Baskett, Bayer, Bradley, Conrad, Fillian, Garibotto, Gegenheimer, Goldstein, Hamilton, Hilding, Kelly, Ledom, Neidert, Rockey, Timm, Zogry
Guests: J. Johnson

Welcome: Professor Neidert called the meeting to order.

Approval of CUSA Minutes: A motion was made to approve the November 26, 2013 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dean’s Office Update: Dean Goldstein informed CUSA that within the next few weeks a call for proposals will be sent out for the teaching post doc program. We currently have three post doc programs; geology, geography and biological sciences with three more being made available. The new teaching post doc programs will include one in the natural sciences and mathematics funded by the Provost’s Office and two others funded by the College.

Dean Goldstein asked CUSA members for their feedback on the Provost’s course redesign taskforce. The taskforce has been focusing on; what should we be doing as a university to promote course redesign, what are some of the obstacles to implementing course redesign and do we have the facilities needed, etc. Dean Goldstein asked CUSA members what facilities they felt would be needed to make these redesigns successful. A discussion followed with ideas and feedback from the committee including what facilities would be needed as well as additional staffing support.

SAS Office Update: No report at this time.

Subcommittee Assignments:

a. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements/ KU Core Proposals

Curricular Changes for Approval

Professor Conrad presented the Curricular Changes nominations. A motion was made to approve the Curricular Changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW COURSES APPROVED: ANTH 569, GERM 333

CHANGES APPROVED: REES 480

2 Degree Requirements for Approval:
None

3 KU Core Proposals

Professor Conrad presented the KU Core Proposals. A motion was made to approve the KU Core Proposals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Academic Standards Report

a. Certificate Programs

Professor Antonik briefly discussed several ideas for the new certificate programs and different potential models that could enhance the liberal arts education.

c. Advising and Awards

a. BGS Continuing Discussion

Professor Neidert sent out a summary of Dean Anderson’s discussion points regarding the BGS degree. CUSA members discussed different options and models from other institutions. In researching other institutions some had increased general education requirements and instead of a major and a minor, while other institutions might have two minors and no major and more extensive breadth requirements that gave the degree the general studies aspect. How could we revise the BGS to better serve our student population? Members expressed their need for additional data gathering as follows:

- the demographics of students interested in the BGS degree from the past three years
- the number of transfer students choosing the BGS degree
- the population of BGS students from the Edwards Campus
- why students choose the BGS degree
- the average GPA of students pursuing the BGS versus the BA
- the number of students graduating with a BGS degree by department versus the number of students by department graduating with a BA or BS

Adjournment 12:27 p.m.