Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising

Minutes of the Meeting for April 14, 2015

The committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Atchley, Bayer, Bradley, Cotton-Spreckelmeyer, Holm, Ledom, Morris, Persley, Rockey, Timm, Weis, Zogry

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

Approval of CUSA Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean’s Office Update: None at this time.

SAS Office Update: Ms. Ledom announced in addition to being in the midst of main enrollment, SAS is currently working on several exciting proposals to improve things across departments in the College. SAS will soon be reaching out to departments on issues such as encouraging students to declare majors, possible alternatives to major admission, and others. In response to a question from Professor Morris regarding possible upcoming changes to advising: SAS is hoping to add limited services for some departments that do not currently have a dedicated advisor, as much as possible with current resources. SAS is in the process of hiring an additional advisor, and while there may be some limited moving around, advisors will not be centralized or taken away from departments.

Subcommittee Assignments:

A. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements/ KU Core Proposals
   1. Curricular Changes Approved
      Professor Atchley presented the Curricular Changes nominations. A motion was made to approve the Curricular Changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

      NEW COURSES: PHIL 369, PSYC 412, PSYC 533, REL 494, SLAV 330, THR 560

      CHANGES: ATMO 505, ATMO 506, ATMO 521, ATMO 525, EALC 316, EVRN 538, EVRN 635, GEOG 521, GEOG 538, GEOG 635, HIST 308, POLS 301, POLS 302, POLS 306, POLS 320, POLS 501, POLS 608, POLS 610, POLS 611, POLS 645, POLS 670, POLS 672, POLS 673, POLS 674, POLS 675, POLS 684, POLS 685, SOC 132/335, SPLH 320/620, THR 498, WGSS 650

      DELETIONS: N/A

   2. Degree Requirements for Approval:
      Professor Atchley presented the Degree Requirements nominations. A motion was made to approve the Degree Requirement. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

      a. Changes to Existing BS Astronomy
      b. Changes to Existing BA East Asian Languages and Cultures
      c. Changes to Existing BA/BGS Speech-Language-Hearing AND Minor in Speech-Language-Hearing
      d. Changes to Existing BS Atmospheric Science AND Atmospheric Science Minor
      e. Changes to Existing BS Geography – Physical Geography Option
      f. Changes to Existing BS Geography – Geographic Information and Analysis Option
      g. New Minor – Visual Art

   3. KU Core Proposals
      Professor Atchley presented the KU Core Proposal nomination. A motion was made to approve KU Core Proposal. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

      A. LA&S 494 – Goal 6
      B. HWC 240 – Goal 2, Learning Outcome 1
      C. GERM 130 – Goal 4, Learning Outcome 2

B. Academic Policies and Awards:
Professor Bayer announced that the subcommittee has chosen students to receive some College scholarships, and will soon be choosing recipients of the Grant Goodman Undergraduate Mentor Award, the J. Michael Young Academic Advising Award, and the Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising.
C. Old Business:
   Discussion of BGS degree
   The BGS was not discussed in subcommittee, as it was agreed that there is not adequate time this year to give the issue the attention it deserves and submit a new proposal. The next meeting will include a discussion of a charge to next year’s CUSA to guide continued efforts toward creation of a BGS proposal.

   Fulfillment of Goal 4.2
   There is considerable interest in a future examination of how students are fulfilling Goal 4, Learning Outcome 2 under the KU Core, in the absence of a specifically non-Western requirement.

Adjournment 12:13 pm