COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING
Minutes of the Meeting for February 11, 2014

The committee met on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Antonik, Bayer, Bradley, Brumfield, Childers, Conrad, Fillian, Garibotto, Gegenheimer, Goldstein, Hilding, Jackson, Kelly, Ledom, Neidert, Persley, Rockey, Stock, Zogry
Guests: J. Johnson

Welcome: Professor Neidert called the meeting to order.

Approval of CUSA Minutes: A motion was made to approve the January 28, 2014 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dean’s Office Update: No report at this time.

SAS Office Update: No report at this time.

Subcommittee Assignments:

a. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements/ KU Core Proposals
   1. 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: EVRN 338, POLS 102
      CHANGES APPROVED: N/A

   2. Degree Requirements for Approval
      N/A

   3. KU Core Proposals
      a. Professor Conrad presented the KU Core Proposals. A motion was made to approve PUAD 432 and table ANTH 561 for the KU Core Proposals. The motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

      b. Academic Standards Report
         a. Certicate Programs
            The first draft of the certificate proposal was sent out to CUSA members for their review and input. Professor Antonik discussed the proposal outlines and administrative rules and perimeters the subcommittee recommends. He noted that they are open to any changes and/or revisions that can be made to enhance and clarify the certificate program and clarify additional guidelines for the departments.

            Discussion points:
            • programming the DPR has been identified as a possible issue
            • wording change – certificates proposed should only contain courses ‘offered on a yearly’ rotation– could be very restrictive for some departments, instead consider using “offered regularly”
            • expand applied practice models
            • more guidelines and models needed
            • limit to one professional school course that could also overlap
            • any proposals would need to have goals for each category of courses
            • need focus and diversity, if a department would like to offer more than one class from a professional school, they should be allowed to do so with justification

            The subcommittee will incorporate the feedback provided, update the proposal and bring it back to CUSA before sending it on to the Chairs and departments for their feedback.

      c. Advising and Awards
         a. BGS Continuing Discussion
            With the arrival of the KU Core and the flexibility it is providing, the intent of the BGS has changed. Based on the feedback CUSA received after submitting their original proposal, Professor Neidert recommended that CUSA should now begin revising the current BGS degree to make it more relevant.
Mr. Fillian is presently collecting data requested by members of CUSA to help identify the needs of our students. A survey will be sent out to students in the next few days to gather additional information in hopes that we will better understand why our students are interested in the BGS degree and what our students need and expect from the BGS degree.

Given that the membership has changed, Professor Neidert recommended that the initial next steps should be to pull together a cumulative packet of all previous BGS materials presented and discussed for full membership review. The initial charge to CUSA was to determine the place of the BGS within the KU degrees.

Professor Bayer voiced her objection that CUSA can no longer consider the original proposal to eliminate the BGS degree, Professor Childes concurred.

Adjournment 12:29 p. m.