

Minutes
Academic Council
November 7, 2017

Present: Alden-Rivers, Barrios, Cwick, Dunn, Glackin, Hinkle, Hill, Kendrick, Kunkel, McAllister, McGowan, Ortiz, Rogers-Adkinson, Schmidt, Wang, Weller-Stilson, and Wiles

Guests: Brad Deken, Glen Williams

Provost Karl Kunkel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

A. MINUTES:

Motion by Hill, seconded by McGowan, to approve the distributed minutes from October 3, 2017, Academic Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

Previously tabled item, **Technical Writing & Communication Minor**, not discussed; remains tabled.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

New Program - Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Technology

Motion by McGowan, seconded by Barrios, to approve the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Technology program. McGowan explained program provides potential two-year completion of BAS for students with AAS. McGowan invited Deken to provide explanation and answer questions. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Program Changes – Master of Arts in Teaching: Mild Moderate Cross Categorical Emphasis
Master of Arts in Teaching: Early Childhood Special Education Emphasis**

Motion by Hill, seconded by McGowan, to treat these two proposals as a block. Motion carried. Rogers-Adkinson advised of new DESE requirements for nine additional hours to be considered licensure programs. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Change – Master of Arts in Secondary Education: Educational Technology

Motion by Rogers-Adkinson, seconded by Hill, to approve the program change to Master of Arts in Secondary Education: Educational Technology. Rogers-Adkinson invited Cwick to provide explanation. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Revision – Bachelor of Arts in English

Motion by Barrios, seconded by McGowan, to approve the program revision for Bachelor of Arts in English. Kendrick explained the revision details. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Revision – Bachelor of Science in Education: English

Motion by Barrios, seconded by Rogers-Adkinson, to approve the program revision for Bachelor of Science in Education: English. Rogers-Adkinson and Cwick presented details of new DESE requirements for certification. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Revision – Bachelor of Science in Education: Biology

Motion by McGowan, seconded by Barrios, to approve the program revision for Bachelor of Science in Education: Biology. McGowan and Rogers-Adkinson presented details related to reduction of hours to graduation and DESE option requirements. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Revision to Existing Minor – Social Work

Motion by Hill, seconded by Barrios, to approve the revision of the Social Work minor. Hill explained the proposed change. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Revision to Existing Major – Corporate Communication

Motion by Barrios, seconded by Rogers-Adkinson, to approve the revision of the Corporate Communication major. Williams verified the proposed benefits related to this revision. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Major Academic Restructure – College of Liberal Arts

Motion by Barrios, seconded by Hill, to endorse the major academic restructure proposal from the College of Liberal Arts. Barrios explained the current Department of Modern Languages, Anthropology, and Geography would be dissolved. Two new departments would be created: Department of History, Anthropology, and Geography and the Department of Communication Studies and Modern Languages. Barrios stated the proposal has gone through all affected departments, Liberal Arts College Council, University Studies Council, and Graduate Council. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Major Academic Restructure – Provost

Motion by McGowan, seconded by Barrios, to endorse the major academic restructure proposal from the Provost. Hill explained the proposal to merge the current Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology with the Department of Social Work to create a new Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology. Discussion followed. An amendment to revise the effective date to July 1, 2018 was moved by Rogers-Adkinson, seconded by Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously. A vote was then taken on the amended motion. Voice vote was unclear. Vote by show of hands in favor of endorsing the reorganization: nine members endorse, five members oppose, and two members abstain.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS:

Revision – Criminology Minor

Hill briefly discussed the changes. Required courses are being updated to cover core issues and electives have been modified to eliminate overlap with updated core content.

Course Title Change – AD101

Wiles stated the title of AD101 will be changed *from* “Introduction to Microcomputer Applications” *to* “Introduction to Computer Applications,” with a minor change to catalog description, effective fall 2018.

Revision – Entrepreneurship Major

Wiles stated IU305 is being replaced in the major requirements with MK342.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS/OTHER:

None

Kunkel adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.