

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Members in Attendance: D. Barbeau, E. Blessing, M. Barber, C. Boyd, R. Cole, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, B. Emo, T. English, J. Gilman, J. Goff, M. Grawitch, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, A. Knezetic, J. Langan, K. Ravindra, I. Ruebling, K. Thatcher, J. Welch

Guests: Diana Pascoe-Chavez and John Buerck.

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

Approval of Minutes from the March 5, 2014 Subcommittee Meeting:

Motion made by K. Ravindra to approve March 5, 2014 meeting minutes without revisions and seconded by Robert Cole - motion unanimously approved.

Updates:

Ann Knezetic introduced Tommy English to the committee today as the SGA-VPAA for the 2014-2015 academic year. He will assume his role on May 1, 2014.

INTO

VP Goff and Diana Pascoe-Chavez presented information on INTO potential in relation to SLU internationalization initiatives. The committee received the *INTO University Partnerships – UK Proposal to Develop “INTO SLU” Joint Venture white paper and ESL Pathways document.*

- Goal – increase internationalization to 15% of student population, this will require an increase in the ESL initiative on campus.
- INTO task force of 12 faculty & staff developed Fall 2013. Student government endorsed goal of expansion.
- These students will require 1 semester – 2 years of ESL to meet the needs of entry-level and advance English skills for degree programs. ESL will also support faculty and students after the students matriculate into the academic program.
- INTO Partnership program will assist us in the expansion of our programming by increasing geographic diversity bringing balance through recruiting students across the globe.
- This is a joint venture for ESL students – INTO would recruit students and SLU would assist in student matriculation in the academic programs.
- All academic program admissions standards and criteria remain the same as domestic student admissions as established by individual academic programs.
- Once students matriculate into SLU academic programs they pay full tuition.
- Current INTO institutions – Oregon State University, Colorado State University, University of South Florida, Marshall University and George Mason University.
- SLU academic programs have the option to develop an INTO pathway.
- SLU would be the 1st private, Catholic, Jesuit institution in the group.
- INTO counselors will come to SLU campus for training.

New Programs

SPS CIS- Madrid – Dr. Matt Grawitch and Dr. John Buerck

Points of interest in consideration of this proposal were reviewed per request:

- Concern raised that this new opportunity targets undergraduate students. Admission criteria for the SPS CIS Madrid program are the same as all SPS programs.
- None of the current admission and enrollment practices are changing.
- SPS currently enrolls up to 5 traditional, day school undergraduate students in their courses.
- SPS will change language in promotional materials and proposal to reflect standard SPS admission criteria.
- This collaboration provides opportunities for students in Madrid to complete this degree.

Academic Policies:

P/F

- SGA to review this policy with the following options:
 - Maintaining P/F
 - Adopting P/NP
 - Adopting P/D,F
 - Eliminating P/F
- Discussion around how many electives/year can a student take as P/F? Perhaps the number should be a % of electives per academic program.

Proof of Proficiency- revision

- Recommendation to note that students need to take this exam prior to taking the course. They cannot begin the course and then drop and take the proficiency examination for credit.

Study Abroad

- Reviewed revised policy.
- Motion to **endorse** by Irma Ruebling and second by Beth Blessing. Unanimous endorsement.
- Concerns raised about process:
 - Lateness in receiving grade reports – how can we impact this as an institution?
 - How does a chair/faculty know if the course is quality or not? How do we know if courses that are taken outside of the SLU community are rigorous enough to count for credit? Jay H. indicated that Dr. Carlin is currently reviewing study abroad processes.

Leave of Absence (LOA)

- Reviewed revised policy.
- Motion to **endorse** by Craig Boyd and second by Robert Cole. Unanimous endorsement.

Credit by Examination

- Reviewed revised policy.
- Motion to **endorse** by Robert Cole and second by Craig Boyd. Unanimous endorsement.

Updates

1. BS in Forensic Science is currently being re-reviewed by CAS Curriculum Committee as a primary major. Given the UAAC approval process timeline, this opportunity will remain as a contract major for at least one more year.
2. BA in Psychology – Madrid – has been approved by the VPAA.
3. Minors in proposal development stage:
 - Catholic Education
 - Middle East Studies
 - Forensic Science
4. Forensic Science Certificate also in development.
5. SON has been approached to develop a Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am