



**Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes  
Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:** L. Dorsey, T. Breitbach, Jean Marie Cox, P. Dotson, E. Gockel-Blessing, J. Haugen, J. Helton, G. Lopiccio, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, S. McGahan, G. Merys, N. Mispagel, J. Nichols, B. Perlman, D. Pike, J. Rust, S. Sell, S. Steadman, L. Sweetman, C. Thomas, M. Toups

**Absent/Excused:** M. Cope, E. Crowell, Fr. Rozier, S. Tyuse

**Call to Order:** Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve November 2023 minutes was put forward by Peggy Dotson and seconded by Tony Breitbach. Minutes were approved.

**II. Discussion Items**

**Recommended Wellness Syllabus Statement**

Debie Lohe and a small working group of students, staff and faculty have drafted an expansive, wellness-focused syllabus statement addressing student wellness. The group is requesting your feedback via the feedback pilot form or reply directly to Debie Lohe.

**CIM system search**

The committee recommended that in the future the program number that is assigned in CIM be added to the agenda for ease of access.

**III. Academic Programs**

**Majors:**

Marissa Cope, Director of Assessment, reviewed the documents and is recommending that departments start to include Madrid students in the assessment process and to coordinate assessment across both locations. There should be one assessment plan and one assessment report.

**Computer Engineering** – Scott Sell, PhD.

This proposal is an expansion of the current computer engineering program in STL to be offered in Madrid and is being put on hold until the January UAAC meeting.

**Theological Studies** – Gary Barker, PhD.

This major is the same major we have in STL now being offered in Madrid.

**Modern Language and Intercultural Communication** - Gary Barker, PhD

This currently exists as a minor and is now being proposed as a major due to student demand in Madrid. There are three levels of language acquisition and course work is drawn from a communication perspective. The intercultural experience is reflected in a capstone course. This is a combined proposals for both campuses St. Louis and Madrid. This proposal received support from the business school in Madrid. The business school in St. Louis was not consulted.

Comments:

- Could a student test out of 18 credits which is 56% of the course work?  
Yes
- The word proficiency implies a little more expertise.
- The level of detail is not very clear.
- One of the attributes is a business course. If the attribute is required, Chair approval is required. Both parties sign off on the attribute.
  - Whoever's course it is owns the attribute.
- Does Madrid have the capability to do a market analysis? Is there an assessment of need? Put the query forward so that we can better understand.
- Leadership determines the viability of the proforma.
- Make sure that UAAC chair reports to CADD about the resource needs.
  - Put a call out to leadership at large and leader can provide additional clarity.

**Minors:**

**Linguistics** – Gary Barker, PhD

The change in this minor is an attempt to reinvent themselves and to rethink what their role will be at SLU. There is an interdisciplinary approach to this minor with new courses to be added.

Comments:

- This feels excitingly aggressive and not realistic within three years. There is a need among students who need linguistics in their credentialing as a second language requirement. This minor provides those opportunities to students.

**Micro-credentials** – Dr. Gary Barker, PhD

Beginning German Communication – Gary Barker

Communicating in German

Intermediate German Communication

Essential French

French Proficiency  
Intermediate French  
Conversational Chinese  
Conversational Spanish

The committee expressed the following concerns:

- The names are confusing and inconsistent.
- The German micro-credential suggests beginning, intermediate and communicating at what level are these and in what order should they be taken.
- The French micro-credentials are also as confusing. Essential, Proficiency and Intermediate, at what level are these considered and does the word proficient imply fluent.

Dr. Dorsey will reach out to the department to invite the Chair to the UAAC Sub-committee meeting to provide clarity.

**Department Name Change:**

Department of Fine and Performing Arts to Department of Visual and Performing Arts. The reason for the change is to eliminate the word Fine – to become more identifiable and current to students.

**English Major (with concentration changes) – Gary Barker**

Revised both the major and minor in response to changes in the Core overlap. Created three new required courses. Revised orientation of senior seminar. Aligned with the BA in English. Extensively worked with Madrid on the changes.

**Creative Writing Minor – Gary Barker**

No Comment

**Studio Art Minor – Gary Barker**

Needs to be at 1000 or 2000 level.

**IV. Policy Review - Tabled**

Prerequisite Courses  
Policy on Independent and Directed Study Courses  
Latin Honors  
Special Topics

Policy Parking Lot

Undergraduate Audit  
Challenge/Proficiency Exams (continuation)  
Waitlist (continuation)

Proposal to Eliminate Undergraduate Overload Charge  
University Grade Appeal Process  
Academic Affairs Appeal Process

V. **Meeting Adjournment:**

Dr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.  
Next UAAC Meeting: January 4, 2024