

**Minutes
Academic Council
April 5, 2016**

Present: Barrios, Bratberg, Daly, Gathman, Hinkle, Humphrey, Jenkins, Kendrick, Kunkel, McAllister, McGowan, Ortiz, Roeder, Rogers-Adkinson, and Weller-Stilson

Guests: Shelba Branscum, Erika Hosselkus, and Kimberly Louie

A. MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Gathman; seconded by Jenkins, the minutes of March 1, 2016, were unanimously approved.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

1. MA Public History: Heritage Education – Option Title Change to Heritage Interpretation/Curriculum Revisions

Barrios moved approval of the MA in Public History option title change from Heritage Education to Heritage Interpretation, and curriculum revisions within the program; seconded by Jenkins/Gathman. Hosselkus explained that the title change better reflects the course offerings in the program. A new course, Issues and Interpretations in Public History, in the Heritage Interpretation option replaces two formerly required courses. A Heritage Education course was removed from the core and replaced with Legal and Economic Principles of Historic Preservation. A topics-style course, Issues in Historic Preservation, was also added to the electives for the MA. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Graduate Certificate in Heritage Education – Program Title Change to Heritage Interpretation/Curriculum Revisions

Barrios moved approval of the program title change from Graduate Certificate in Heritage Education to Heritage Interpretation, and curriculum revisions within the program; seconded by Gathman. Hosselkus explained that the changes to the program were cognate to the changes in the MA option title change. Motion passed unanimously.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. MA School Administration – Curriculum Revisions to Eliminate Variable Topics

Rogers-Adkinson explained that students in the MA School Administration program historically took six hours of Variable Topics courses. Due to the elimination of the Variable Topics program, these courses have been removed from the program, reducing the credit hours from 36 to 30. McAllister noted that the changes were endorsed by Graduate Council.

2. BS Human Environmental Studies: Family Studies Option / Family Studies Minor – Curriculum Revisions

Branscum explained that the Family Studies option had not been revised in a number of years and was due for an update. The revisions better meet the requirements of the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) certification the program has. The core hours for the program have increased from 54 to 60; unnecessary courses were combined or eliminated; new courses were added; and two courses had a minor title change. Cognate changes were made to the Family Studies minor.

3. BA Global Cultures and Languages: Foreign Language Option – Curriculum Revisions

Barrios explained that there were three revisions to the Foreign Language Option of the BA in Global Cultures and Languages: 1) A required midpoint Language Proficiency exam was added – FR010, GN010, and SN010 – that students will take upon completion of 18 credit hours in the track. The

midpoint exam will allow for assessment and will allow students to address deficiencies. 2) The existing exit exams were renamed to add the word Proficiency in the title and were renumbered to align with the midpoint exams. 3) A reported letter grade is to be added that will appear on students' transcripts. This allows for documented assessment. All revisions allow for assessment. Hinkle questioned what happens if a student fails the exit exam; Louie explained that nothing happens – the student still graduates, but if a potential employer reviews transcripts, they'll see that the graduate is not a viable candidate as an interpreter.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Rogers-Adkinson explained that the DESE mandated changes to teacher preparation programs last academic year are finally in effect and more changes are coming, which will mean more curriculum changes. Daryl Fridley will be the person to ask questions of. She noted that DESE will not accept any course substitutions. McGowan questioned whether upcoming curriculum changes needed to come forward to Academic Council; Rogers-Adkinson explained that some changes will be major and will probably need to come forward. Gathman questioned whether the changes are delaying any students from graduating; Rogers-Adkinson explained that there have been a few that they have fought DESE on, and each is taken on a case-by-case basis.
2. Hinkle announced that there is a new course search feature in the portal – students can now search for courses taught by Honors Faculty.
3. Weller-Stilson announced that the Department of Theatre and Dance “Taste of Cape” event is set for April 19. Thirteen restaurants are participating. Tickets are \$10 and 100% of the money goes toward sending the senior students to New York.
4. Gathman announced that all Summer 2016 courses are now QM certified. The deadline for Spring 2017 courses is July 1.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.