

**Minutes
Academic Council
December 6, 2016**

Present: Barrios, Bratberg, Glackin, Hinkle, Jenkins, Kendrick, Kunkel, McAllister, McDougall, McGowan, Ortiz, Rogers-Adkinson, Ruediger, Schmidt, Wang, Weller-Stilson, and Winters

Guests: Doc Billingsley, Gloria Green, Phil Nacy, Hilary Peterson, David Probst, and Judy Wiles

A. MINUTES:

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

Items were discussed out of agenda order, due to McDougall's schedule.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

1. BSBA in Entrepreneurship – New Program

2. BSBA in Management: Entrepreneurship Option – Deletion of Option

At this point in the meeting, McDougall was not present yet, and had asked for the items to be delayed until his arrival.

3. Autism Studies Minor - Curriculum Revisions

Rogers-Adkinson moved approval of the curriculum revisions to the Autism Studies minor; seconded by Kendrick. Rogers-Adkinson explained that the Autism Studies minor is shared across several departments – Elementary, Early, and Special Education; Communication Disorders; and Human Environmental Studies (Child Development). She explained that in the required courses, EX390 Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child was removed and replaced with EX559 Clinical Practicum, as this allows the students to gain experience working with children with autism. AB531 Basic Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis was moved from the Non-Applied Behavioral Analysis focus as the course has high enrollment in the ABA program and are no longer available for minor students. Also in the Non-Applied Behavioral Analysis focus, CF200 Constructive Guidance and Discipline was removed and replaced with CF285 Learning Theory and Application: Infants and Toddlers to give students the option of working with infants and toddlers to be in line with preschool learning theory. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Theatre and Dance - Curriculum Revisions to BA in Theatre, BFA in Theatre, and BFA in Dance

Barrios moved approval of the curriculum revisions to the BA in Theatre, BFA in Theatre, and BFA in Dance programs; seconded by McGowan. Nacy explained that the revisions to the Theatre programs are to add level II classes so as to align better with NAST accreditation standards. Weller-Stilson also noted that new Design Technology faculty are now in place, so there are no additional faculty resources needed. Peterson explained that the revisions to the BFA in Dance is to add a choreography course, so as to align with NASD accreditation requirements of two years of choreography. All programs remain at the same credit hours. Motion passed unanimously.

5. BS Technology Management: Telecommunications and Computer Networking – Option Title Change to Computer Network Systems Administration

McGowan moved approval of the option title change from BS Technology Management: Telecommunications and Computer Networking to Computer Network Systems Administration; seconded by Bratberg. McGowan explained that the option title change is a result of the term telecommunications being used less and less, identifying the program name with the course work more

precisely, and updates to the courses identifying the program with appropriate career fields. Motion passed unanimously.

6. MS Applied Computer Science – New Program

McGowan moved to untable the motion for a new Master of Science in Applied Computer Science program; seconded by Jenkins/Kendrick. Motion to untable passed unanimously.

Probst explained that the concerns expressed at the May 3, 2016 meeting have been addressed and the proposal has been revised. The department has secured additional external support letters, and believes there is significant demand for the program. Kunkel questioned why the program title included “Applied”; Probst explained that the department wanted to allow students to take courses outside of Computer Science in other sciences and they wanted the program to be distinct from others in the state. Hinkle pointed out that as a graduate program, half of the courses should be at 600 level; Plan B would need to state that at least 6 hours must be at the 600 level. Kunkel questioned how many courses had not been created; Probst believes about half. McAllister questioned the financial projections and the need for 2 graduate assistants: does the department expect Graduate Studies to fund both GA’s; and does delivery of the program depend on the GA’s? Probst responded that the department is looking for Graduate Studies to fund the GA’s, but the program could be delivered without them. McDougall suggested adding a statement to the Program Structure form, item D, that “at least 17 hours must be at the 600 level.” Schmidt questioned whether the program could start in Fall 2017 without the new courses; Probst responded that it could. McGowan added that they plan to get the new courses approved in Spring 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

1. BSBA in Entrepreneurship – New Program

McDougall moved approval of a new Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Entrepreneurship program; seconded by Bratberg. McDougall explained that Entrepreneurship is an institutional point of focus, and it is now appropriate to move the program from an option to a major. Wiles added that there is enough enrollment in the current option to sustain a stand-alone program. She also noted that there is only one new course – an internship course – and there are no new faculty resources needed. There are substantial co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, and library resources are adequate. McDougall added that there is also substantial private support for scholarships and the co- and extra-curricular opportunities. He has a letter of support from Crystal Jones, with the Institute for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and expects letters from John Mehner with the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, and two letters from major benefactors. He also thanked Claudia Ruediger and Kent Library for their review of library resources. Schmidt questioned whether the current option will be removed if the new program is approved; McDougall responded that it would, and that proposal is under separate cover. Motion passed unanimously.

2. BSBA in Management: Entrepreneurship Option – Deletion of Option

McDougall moved approval of the deletion of the BSBA Management: Entrepreneurship option, contingent on the approval of the new BSBA Entrepreneurship program; seconded by Schmidt. Motion passed unanimously.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. BSN Nursing – Revisions to Admission Criteria

Green explained that the previous criteria looked at the sum of the three highest science grades and the cumulative college GPA, and resulted in a fairly high bar with a majority of applicants achieving three A’s in the sciences and a GPA of 3.5 and higher. Some students had repeated courses until they achieved A’s, and the department felt that was an unfair advantage to those students who didn’t have the time or finances to repeat courses. They felt there are potentially successful nursing students who get an occasional B in a science and have a GPA below 3.5. Therefore, they have changed the admission criteria to include a pre-admission test and placing more weight on the GPA. Effected students began with those

admitted to the University in Fall 2016, and the updated criteria were shared with all students interested in Nursing.

2. **Modern Languages, Anthropology, and Geography – Curriculum Revisions to: BA Global Cultures and Languages: Anthropology Option; Anthropology Minor; Archaeology Minor**
Billingsley explained that under the BA Global Cultures and Languages: Anthropology option, there are currently 29 electives with only 3 anthropology courses. That list has been revised down to 18 electives and includes all 9 anthropology courses. Other electives will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Billingsley also explained the revisions to the Anthropology and Archaeology minors. Both minors have reduced the required courses from 3 to 2, but increased the hours and course lists for electives, adding more flexibility for students.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Hinkle announced that final grades are due Monday, December 19, and will open Friday, December 9.
2. Ortiz announced that Debbie Beard is retiring and will be the guest basketball coach at the game that evening at 6:15 and would like everyone to attend. Her retirement party is Friday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m.
3. Kendrick announced that Susan Swartwout is retiring and there will be a retirement party for her Friday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Bella Italia.

Kunkel wished everyone Happy Holidays. Meeting adjourned.