



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025

9:00 am – 10:30 am

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Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, G. Barker, T. Breitbach, M. Cope, J. Cox, K. Crews, E. Crowell, P. Dotson, J. Haugen, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, N. Mispagel, J. Nichols, F. Niederman, B. Perlman, R. Rosenberg, S. Sell, L. Sweetman, S. Tyuse, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: L. Billadeau, G. Merys, V. Murugan, R. Rosenberg, M. Toups

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

- I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2025**
 - a. A motion to approve minutes was put forth by Ellen Crowell and second by Scott Sell. Joseph Nichols and Fred Niederman abstained.
- II. **Academic Programs:**
 - a. **Majors:**
 - **Exercise Science, B.S. (CIM 588) – significant change. Exercise and Wellness Concentration** – This major allows a student to enter as a freshman and complete the BS in Exercise Science. Prior to this, it was not a stand-alone major, it was only progression to the DPT. It will now be offered on the Madrid campus. Additionally other changes include the expansion of electives to related disciplines at the 3000 and 4000 level creating a more student centric approach and allowing for greater flexibility.
 - b. **Minors**
 - **Geospatial Analysis and Visualization (CIM 170) Substantive change.**
Summary: There has been a title change as well as 9 of their 15 credits have been altered to meet societal needs.
 - c. **Micro-credentials**
 - **SSE Critical Problem-Solving Skills Through Interdisciplinary Research (CIM762).** This proposed micro-credential is to offer multiple research opportunities to students and to fill a need with industry partners requesting students to have more developmental and professional skill building. The committee suggests that the title be revised to reflect an SSE connection to provide clarity for students. Scott Sell will come back next week with a revised title.

- **SSE Leadership Through Peer Mentoring (CIM 761).** This proposal recognizes the work that is currently taking place for students. Approximately 150 freshmen participate with 50 students mentoring. The committee suggests that the word “leadership” is tangible and consistent with the title. Scott will confirm title next week at the subcommittee meeting.

d. Certificates

- **Didactic Program in Dietetics (CIM 293).** Permanent Voluntary closure. Approved by the department of Nutrition & Dietetics and Dean Rousseau.

e. ABM

- **History, B.A. to M.A. (CIM 736).** There is no change to the MA, it just moves to the senior year of the BA. The committee mentions that the roadmap doesn’t capture the CORE electives and suggests that modifications to be made.

III. Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals – Dr. Dorsey

• **Micro-credentials**

- Confluence: Interdisciplinary Humanities (CIM 743) - passed by CADD and the Provost on 1-21-25. No further approval required.
- Bilingual Counseling Skills (CIM 745) - passed by CADD and the Provost on 1-21-25. No further approval required.

IV. Policy Review: updates

- **Credit By Exam - Policy revision – Vote.** Additional verbiage has been added by the Registrar’s Office. To provide clarification of some concerns: the acceptance of an outcome of an exam is in the hands of the faculty. The department faculty determines if the exam or course meets the needs of the SLU course. The committee reviewed the policy and suggested that the word “preparatory” be changed to “equivalent”. Scott Sell put forth a motion to approve – All in favor. Policy has been approved.
- **Study Abroad Non-Madrid Policy – Vote.** Final policy will be officially included as a policy statement in the university catalog. Eligibility requirements: applicable to students in good standing with two semesters of attendance; transfer students are eligible after one semester. Tony Breitbach put forth a motion to approve. All in favor. Policy has been approved.
- **Undergraduate Transfer Credit Articulation Policy Revised.** Revisions will be posted in the UAAC folder. A vote has been passed on to the March agenda.

V. Discussion Item: International Transcript Review/International Transfer Student Admission – Jean Marie Cox –

- A short summary of the process has been provided. The review of transcripts and GPA are done externally. Admissions will then verify the authenticity and evaluation of the GPA. Admissions does not articulate courses. The maximum number of international UG transfer credits is eight. The timeline for completion of articulation and transcript review is typically ten days from the time the transcript is received. There is an intentional separation of admissions from registration.

VI. Announcements:

- The next UAAC meeting is March 6, 2025