Graduate Council Minutes
February 6, 2018
3:00 PM
HAZY 361

Chair: Michael Lacourse

Present: Luis Arevalo, Eli Bermudez, Sylvia Bradshaw, Andrea Brown, Debra Bryant, Pam Cantrell, Mo Eckroth, Richard Featherstone, Jim Haendiges, Nancy Hauck, Ryan Hobbs, Jeff Jarvis, Michelle McDermott, Mike Olson, Kelly Peterson-Fairchild, JD Robertson, Travis Rosenberg, Brenda Sabey, Julie Stender, Kyle Wells, Trish Wintch, Sheila Bastian

Absent: Ezra Hainsworth, Bruce Harris, Eric Pedersen, Laura Snelson

Visitors: Bryant Flake, John Wolfe, Beth Axelgard, Erin O'Brien,

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<td>At the last Board of Trustee’s meeting, all course fees presented were approved by the Board of Trustees and will now move forward.</td>
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<td>Provost Lacourse said that we are in the process of approving 8-10 policies. Pam Cantrell is moving old policies into the new format. Once that is done, Michael will send these policies out to those it affects for their input.</td>
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<td>Academic Council Minutes</td>
<td>M: Eli Bermudez S: Sylvia Bradshaw</td>
<td>APPROVED</td>
<td>MOTION BY ELI BERMUDEZ, SECONDED BY SYLVIA BRADSHAW, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2018, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE:</td>
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<td>(January 9, 2018)</td>
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<td>• Pg. 3 – Adjourned: Eli Bermudez seconded the motion to adjourn. Eli was home ill the day of our meeting.</td>
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The motion should read:
- **MOTION BY BRENDA SABEY, SECONDED BY NANCY HAUCK, TO ADJOURN.**
  (Action: Approved)

| University Curriculum Committee Minutes (December 19, 2017) | M: Jeff Jarvis  
S: Nancy Hauck | APPROVED | **MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY NANCY HAUCK, TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 19, 2017 UCC MINUTES.**  
(Action: Approved) |

**NEW BUSINESS (Information Items)**

**Latest Version of the Differential Tuition for Nursing and Dental Hygiene**

The new Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree was approved by the Board of Regents in March 2017. In order to support its objective to provide a top-quality education to students in the nursing program, Dixie State University’s College of Health Science Nursing Department request the upper division courses for this program adopt differential tuition. The rationale for the differential tuition of $75 for each upper division credit hour is twofold. First, the increased resources bring us in line with resources spent per student at other Utah state universities. If we hope to keep our promise of providing a top-tier quality nursing education to our students, we must have the resources to restructure the program and hire a simulation lab manager. Last, our student’s net out of pocket expenses (defined as tuition fewer scholarship dollars) still makes DSU’s nursing program a value among peer institutions.

The increase in tuition will cost students an extra $721.25 per semester. Because differential tuition is covered by financial aid this should reduce the out of pocket expenses for the students.

**Differential Tuition for MAcc**

**Differential Tuition:** Differential tuition schedules for undergraduate and graduate programs may be authorized by the Board on a case-by-case basis. In addition to
initially approving differential tuition rates for academic programs, differential tuition increases beyond the regular institutional tuition increase proposal should be approved by the Board. The increased revenues from the differential tuition rate charges shall be used by the institution to benefit the impacted program and to help support related campus services. Institutions requesting differential tuition schedules should consult with students in the program and consider the following:

- Student and Market Demand for the Program
- Tuition Rates for Comparable Programs at Other Institutions:
- Impact of Differential Tuition Rates on Student Access and Retention
- Potential Earnings Capacity of Program Graduates
- Societal Importance of the Program

A master's degree is being requested to respond to student and employer demand in Washington County and is considered entry level to the accounting profession in the State of Utah and surrounding states. Accounting is a high-demand profession sought now and in the future. Graduates are likely candidates for key positions in traditional and emerging job markets. Over the past 30 years, the body of knowledge required for the practice of accounting has expanded greatly. All 50 states currently require 150 credit hours of college study in order to become a licensed Certified Public Accountant.
Proposed Changes to Online Tuition/Fees

DSU Online Tuition/Fees Proposal was discussed by the Council and the following suggestions were made:

**Proposed:**
Online only, non-residents and residents be assessed a tuition cost of $200/credit hour and the online delivery fee ($30/credit). General student fees would be waived.

**Changed to:**
Online only enrolled students, regardless of residential status, be assessed a tuition cost of a $245/credit hour – with $195/credit assigned as base tuition, with $50/credit in support of infrastructure and support services ($30/credit-online design and development and $20/credit-student support services). General student fees would be waived. Tuition increases would follow board-approved increases associated with regular tuition, and be applied at the beginning of the next academic year.

Several questions were raised about the low tuition rates being proposed. The consensus was for us to raise those fees so we are closer to what the other institutions in the state are charging. Most felt if we do not start out higher, it will be too complicated to do so later.

Faculty Senate Policy (640)

Jim Haendiges updated the Council on the consolidation of Policy 639 and 640 and the rationale for the revision.

- Be consistent with other USHE institutions
- Eliminate inconsistencies
- Update practice
- Give organization structure to the Senate

**MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY BRENDA SABEY, TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND MOVE THIS INFORMATION ITEM FORWARD TO AN ACTION ITEM.**
(Action: Approved)
| M: Jeff Jarvis  | APPROVED  | MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY BRENDA SABEY, TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATED AND REVISED FACULTY SENATE POLICY 640 AS WRITTEN AND PRESENTED.  
(Action: Approved) |
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<td>Kelly Peterson-Fairchild reported to the Council that she has been approached to have our Library become a Patent and Trademark Resource Center. To be designated as a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC), a library must meet specific requirements and agree to fulfill certain obligations. Kelly said there are several good reasons for our library to become a resource center. All that is required is space and sending someone to training.</td>
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<td>Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) Program U.S. Patent and Trademark Office</td>
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<td>The Booth Honors Program is aligning its curriculum with DSU’s General Education curriculum to streamline the Honors requirements and to incorporate Honors learning practices into discipline-specific education. John explained this program is transitioning from a siloed honors program into one that works with programs to produce an interdisciplinary, rigorous academic experience. We are adapting upper decision requirements to integrate opportunities for experiential and service learning opportunities.</td>
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| Abbreviated Form Changes for the Booth Honors Program | M: Nancy Hauck  | APPROVED  | DSU Discontinuance of AAS in MLS (Pam Cantrell)  
In 2016, the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) faculty proposed a restructuring of the MLS program to focus on the baccalaureate program instead and thus suspended admissions to the MLS program in preparation for discontinuing the AAS in MLS. The proposal was approved by the DSU Academic Council in December 2016 and took effect in fall 2017. In May 2017, the last of the AAS in MLS students graduated and no new students |
| S: Luis Arevalo |           | |
| M: Brenda Sabey  | APPROVED  | have been admitted. Therefore, a teach-out plan is not necessary.  |
| S: Eli Bermudez |           | MOTION BY BRENDA SABEY, SECONDED BY ELI BERMUDEZ, TO APPROVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE AAS IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE. (Action: Approved) |

| Discuss White Paper Approval on First Visit |           | When a White Paper is presented to the Council Pam Cantrell asked the Council what they thought about letting these go through one time instead of being discussed in one meeting and approved in the second meeting. Jeff Jarvis said if the Council receives this information early enough for the Council to review, there should not be a problem. It was suggested to add Consent Items to the agenda for things that only need to go through one time. |

| Adjourned: 4:45 PM |           | |

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