

Academic Council Minutes

May 1, 2018
3:00 PM
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Chair: Michael Lacourse

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

Absent: Sylvia Bradshaw, Ezra Hainsworth, Travis Rosenberg, Brenda Sabey, Laura Snelson

Visitors: Samuel Tobler

AGENDA ITEMS	MOTIONS	VOTE RESULTS	ACTION/DISCUSSION
Academic Council Minutes (May 1, 2018)	M: Eric Pedersen S: Jeff Jarvis	APPROVED	MOTION BY, ERIC PEDERSEN, SECONDED BY JEFF JARVIS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 1, 2018, AS WRITTEN. (Action: Approved)
Provost's Updates			Michael informed the Council that next Thursday, evening of May 10 th and May 11 th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is our second annual Academic Innovation Retreat at the Pine Valley Cabin. Michael asked Bruce Harris to give an overview of the events at this year's retreat. Following are the activities of May 11 th starting with breakfast, followed by the morning session.

		<p><u>Morning Session:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ice Breaker activity, like the marshmallow activity last year. ➤ Higher Education Landscape in terms of innovation and some of the trends. ➤ Brainstorming sessions <p><u>Afternoon Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Refining 2025 for Teaching and Learning Prototype and Implementation <p>Two 9-passenger vans have been reserved for those that do not want to drive on your own.</p> <p>Bruce said the tagline for this year's retreat is: Come get some fresh air in Pine Valley at the Academic Innovation Retreat (AIR)</p> <p>Michael informed the Council that in the subcommittee meeting of the Board of Trustees that met with Pam was given copies of our three-year program. The committee raised a lot of concerns about the programs they were presented with. Their concerns were the small number of graduates in the programs, the small numbers of students in our programs and the cost of operating these programs. The following day in the Board of Trustees meeting these concerns were again aired. Michael indicated these concerns are now being vetted at the state level and we need to be aware of this as an institution, The Board of Regents and legislators are now raising some concerns. They indicated this is basically out of control and we may see some follow-up activity next year. Meanwhile, the</p>
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			Board of Trustees is expected to have more involvement in the program degree approval process and continue to monitor the number of students and cost in these programs.
Overview of UCC Meeting - April 24, 2018 Pam Cantrell			<p>Information Some displeasure about wording in Policy 615: General Education through the GE Committee w/o UCC oversight. A memo was language in Policy 615 can be clarified. See attached document.</p> <p>Action Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to BA language requirements for catalog: 16 not offered at DSU but must take one DSU foreign language. <p>Discontinuance of old courses in CIM and Banner approved.</p> <p>Curriculum Changes Various changes in courses, requirements, descriptions, etc.--some consent and some action. See minutes for full descriptions.</p>
University Curriculum Committee Minutes (April 24, 2018)	M: Eli Bermudez S: Trish Wintch	ACCEPTED	MOTION BY ELI BERMUDEZ, SECONDED BY TRISH WINTCH, TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 24, 2018 UCC MINUTES. (Action: Approved)
OLD BUSINESS (Action Items)			
Priority Registration for the DSUSA Executive Council	M: Jeff Jarvis S: Eli Bermudez	APPROVED	<p>MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY ELI BERMUDEZ, TO APPROVE PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR THE DSUSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ONLY, SO THAT THEY HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS STUDENT ATHLETES REGISTRATION. 1 DAY PRIOR TO OPEN REGISTRATION.</p> <p>(Action: Approved)</p> <p>Jeff Jarvis said this move is workable but really pushes everyone to get things done faster. Catalog deadlines will not change.</p>

NEW BUSINESS (Information Items)			
Memorandum Regarding Policy 615: General Education			<p>The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommends that no institutional-level curricular decisions be made by the General Education (GE) Committee pursuant to Policy 615 until language in this policy can be addressed by all curricular bodies regarding the intent of the policy, pursuant to the relationship between the GE Committee and UCC and the approval roles of each committee, can be more fully understood and these roles and relationship can be clarified.</p> <p>4.1.4 In Policy 615 that was troubling to UCC: (Red indicates changes to original draft based on online comments. These changes have now been approved by the BOT)</p> <p>The GE Committee votes to approve, reject, or revise courses submitted to become part of the GE curriculum. Course-related items and decisions then move forward for further approval to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and the Academic Council (AC). Procedural items will move forward as information items to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and the Academic Council (AC).</p> <p>The Memorandum was noted and the situation will be monitored.</p>
CONSENT ITEMS			
Comparative Core Themes and Objectives	M: Eli Bermudez S: Bruce Harris	APPROVED	MOTION BY ELI BERMUDEZ, SECONDED BY BRUCE HARRIS, TO BYPASS THE USUAL GOVERNANCE

			<p>AND HAVE THE DEANS' GO THROUGH AND ADMINISTRATIVELY REMOVE THOSE COURSES FROM THEIR LIST THAT HASN'T BEEN TAUGHT FOR SEVEN YEARS. (Action: Approved)</p>
<p>Process for Discontinuing Defunct Courses</p>	<p>M: Trish Wintch S: Jeff Jarvis</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>MOTION BY TRISH WINTCH, SECONDED BY JEFF JARVIS, TO APPROVE THE PROCESS FOR DISCONTINUATION DEFUNCT COURSES, AS LISTED BELOW:</p> <p>We have been charged with identifying and discontinuing all DSU courses in Courseleaf (CIM) that are no longer being taught. Since there are several hundred of these courses, we propose an abbreviated approval process that will take place during the summer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Courses will be identified and listed according to college. 2. Deans will receive a list of courses in their college that are candidates for being discontinued. 3. Deans will consult with Chairs and faculty as needed to make a final determination and will return the list to the Curriculum Office. 4. Identified courses will be administratively discontinued without further governance. <p>Note: A discontinued course is never completely deleted in CIM unless the prefix or course number is changed. If at a later date a decision is made to re-activate the course that can happen.</p> <p>(Action: Approved)</p>
<p><u>White Papers :</u></p>			
<p>MA Technical Writing and Digital Rhetoric</p>	<p>M: Richard Featherstone S: Bruce Harris</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>MOTION BY RICHARD FEATHERSTONE, SECONDED BY BRUCE HARRIS TO APPROVE THE MA</p>

			<p>TECHNICAL WRITING AND DIGITAL RHETORIC WHITE PAPER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SUGGESTED FEEDBACK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested we need to reach out to companies that need technical writers and ask how many companies use technical writing and what qualifications do they expect of the people they hire. • It was suggested that students need to be prepared to demonstrate their skills • Students need to be able to engage in conversations and be part of solving certain problems.
BS Earth, Energy & Environmental Science	M: Nancy Hauck S: Pam Cantrell	APPROVED 1 Abstained	<p>MOTION BY NANCY HAUCK, SECONDED BY PAM CANTRELL, TO BUILD OUT THE SCAFFOLDING AND FACULTY CAPACITY TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. (Action: Approved)</p>
Bachelor of American Sign Language Interpreting	M: Pam Cantrell S: Eric Pedersen	APPROVED	<p>MOTION BY PAM CANTRELL, SECONDED BY ERIC PEDERSEN, TO SUSPEND THE DEVELOPMENT OF BACHELOR DEGREES UNTIL THE PROCESS OF HIRING AND CAPACITY IN THE PROGRAMS HAVE A LONG TERM PLAN IN PLACE. (Action: Approved)</p>
Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy	M: Jeff Jarvis S: Eric Pedersen	APPROVED	<p>MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY ERIC PEDERSEN, TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT ON THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work needs to be done on the figures and financials to see if the program would be sustainable. With a limit of 8 students in the beginning, how much is the cost of this program going to be? How many faculty will be needed and the cost of these faculty? <p>(Action: Approved)</p>

<p>Memorandum of Agreement between DSU and the American Campus in Mauritius, Africa.</p>	<p>M: Jeff Jarvis S: Nancy Hauck</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY NANCY HAUCK, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DSU AND THE AMERICAN CAMPUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFFERING THE LISTED CERTIFICATES TO STUDENTS ADMITTED TO TAC IN MAURITIUS, AFRICA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English as a Second Language Intermediate Level (ESL INT – 16 credits) • English as a Second Language Advanced Level (ESL ADV – 16 credits) <p>(Action: Approved)</p>
<p>Emphases Discontinuance:</p>	<p>M: Jeff Jarvis S: Nancy Hauck</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY NANCY HAUCK, TO DISCONTINUE THE EMPHASIS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN. THIS EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ABSORBED INTO THE NEW BA/BS IN DESIGN DEGREE. THE EMPHASIS IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.</p> <p>(Action: Approved)</p>
<p>Minor Discontinuance</p>	<p>M: Jeff Jarvis S: Nancy Hauck</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>MOTION BY JEFF JARVIS, SECONDED BY NANCY HAUCK, TO APPROVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MINOR IN GRAPHIC DESIGN. THESE COURSES HAVE BEEN REALIGNED WITH A NEW BA/BS IN DESIGN AND ARE NO LONGER OFFERED IN THE COLLEGE OF THE ARTS OR THE ART DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>(Action: Approved)</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned: 5:47 PM</p>			