

Council on General Education Minutes
December 4, 2018
10-11:00 a.m., Stevenson Hall 140

Presiding: Rocio Rivadeneyra

Present: Brian Aitken, Rebekka Darner, Sally Parry, Carla Pohl, Rocio Rivadeneyra, Jonathan Rosenthal, Kimberly Schneider, Jean Standard, Benjamin Stiers, and Chris Worland

Guests:

Dr. Gina Hunter, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Dr. Amy Hurd, Director, Graduate School

Rivadeneyra called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Action Items:

1. Approval of November 6, 2018 Minutes

The question was called. Rosenthal made a motion to accept the November 6, 2018 minutes. Parry seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes were accepted.

2. Revision of Urban Studies Minor

The revision was proposed by Dr. Alan Lessoff, Urban Studies Advisor.

Rivadeneyra noted the revisions were fairly simple with two additional Criminal Justice Science (CJS) courses being added as elective options. She also noted the revisions had been reviewed and approved by the CJS chairperson, as well as all other chairs whose departments had coursework within the minor.

The question was called. Rosenthal made a motion to accept the proposed revisions to the Urban Studies minor. Parry seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Simmons will inform Lessoff of the Council's decision.

3. Minor in Entrepreneurship

The proposal was submitted by Dr. Mark Hoelscher, Department of Management & Quantitative Methods (MQM).

Rivadeneyra informed Council members the proposal was for the creation of a new Interdisciplinary Studies minor and questioned if there was already a major in Entrepreneurship. Aitken responded there is a small Entrepreneurship sequence in MQM but no major. Rivadeneyra then asked if the minor was considered to be within Interdisciplinary studies due to the IDS 113 course in the proposed curriculum. Rosenthal confirmed and asked Aitken if the sequence was currently limited to business majors. Aitken confirmed the sequence was a sequence offered for MQM majors.

Standard asked if additional background information was available regarding the Coleman Fellows. She also wondered if more information could be provided by Hoelscher in regards to the proposed E-Contracts and what they entailed. Darner echoed the same sentiment and noted a better explanation was needed. Rosenthal expressed he had concerns as well and thought it would be reasonable for the

Council to request more information. He went on to explain the Coleman Fellows were a group, not necessarily within the College of Business, who promote an interest in entrepreneurship in the curriculum. Members of the group include Dr. Daniel Holland, Department of Physics and Dr. Laurie Thompson-Merriman, College of Fine Arts.

Parry believed it would be beneficial to see a sample syllabus from an E-Contract course in order to gauge the course's rigor. It may also help explain the E-Contract concept. Rivadeneyra noted the creation of an E-Contract course(s) had not been proposed and wondered if these courses would be similar to Independent Study courses. Parry mentioned this could fit as it is something similar to what the Honors Program does.

Rosenthal noted there needs to be some vehicle to award credit to students. He added students are limited to using six hours of Independent Study credit toward graduation. The minor proposal requires nine hours of E-Contract course credit. Aitken mentioned basically half of the minor was to be completed through the E-Contract courses but thought the spirit behind the proposal was alright.

Standard agreed with the spirit behind the request as well and could see this minor as having an interest with students in science fields. Parry agreed with Standard but noted the objectives to meet criteria, as well as the criteria itself, was unclear. Darner mentioned that for those instructors who teach Honors contract courses, students are expected to do additional work and meet higher expectations in courses within the faculty member's discipline. Darner expressed concern on how she would be able to properly advise students those students within the minor who are not within her field.

Worland noted IDS 113 was the only entry point for students not within the College of Business. He wondered how students within other colleges or those who did not take IDS 113 would be made aware of the minor. Aitken responded staff in University College catches a lot of the students and could make students who expressed interest aware of the minor. He added students are pretty adept at finding out information as well. Rosenthal added it would be role of the Coleman Fellows to push the minor.

Parry wondered if one of the courses proposed, MQM 328, had any prerequisites. She noted that as a higher level class it could be very daunting for those students who had not already taken MQM courses. Aitken responded the course prerequisite was students must have completed a minimum of 75 hours. Rosenthal added he believed the Council had previously considered IDS 113 for the Quantitative Reasoning designation and thought it had denied the request. Parry confirmed that the request had been denied.

Rosenthal will contact Hoelscher for additional information regarding the Coleman Fellows, E-Contracts and how credit will be awarded and ask if Hoelscher would like to attend the next meeting.

The proposal was tabled until receipt of additional information.

Rivadeneyra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pohl seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons