

## COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING

Minutes of the Meeting for January 24, 2006

The committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at 11:06 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bradley, Carlson, Carothers, Clark, Clowes, Crosby, D'Anieri, Gordy, Knight, Ledom, LaFever, McCleary, Miner (guest), Robertson (guest), Shaw, Steele, Thompson, Vitevitch, and Walton.

**MINUTES** The minutes for December 13, 2005 were approved.

**GUEST REPORT** Dr. Robertson from the Philosophy Department highlighted the skill courses and general education requirements of 148 and 310. The primary design of 148 is to develop skills in order to help students evaluate and construct arguments with informal logic. The focus of 310 is basically the same as 148, but deals solely with deductive arguments in formal logic.

**CHAIR'S REPORT** Dr. Clowes encouraged the committee to consider integrating skill-development courses and content courses in our effort to lower general education requirements as part of the skill course discussion scheduled for the February 28, 2006, CUSA meeting. Additionally she reported that a draft of the Academic Misconduct Policy should be ready to present to the committee by Dr. McNeley at the February 14, 2006, CUSA meeting.

**DEAN'S REPORT** Dr. D'Anieri announced that Dean Joseph Steinmetz would officially start on July 1, 2006. The internal search for an Associate Dean will begin shortly. Dr. D'Anieri encouraged the committee to continue forward with the goals presented by the Interim Dean Romzek and that as a committee, work on the ground covered thus far will be presented to Dean Steinmetz.

**CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC REPORT** Karen Ledom reported that the start of the Spring 2006 semester began with the Academic Standing emails being sent to the students, the completion of the Fall 2005 certification for Graduation and searches for Advising Specialists continues.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

#### A. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Dr. McCleary reported that the subcommittee has received numerous retroactive withdraw petitions. He expressed appreciation for all the hard work Bridget Bradley has done in organizing the petitions for the subcommittee to review. Dr. McCleary also thanked Dr. Karpowitz for the time he has served on the committee as a substitute for Steve Iardi.

#### B. ADVISING

Dr. Bayer requested the committee members relate specific times to meet.

#### C. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

##### 1. Curricular Changes

###### FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approval was granted for: ATMO 640, ATMO 642 and ATMO 680

##### 2. Degree Requirement Changes

###### FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

Approval was granted for:

- a) Principal Course Changes for ATMO 106
- b) Non-Western Culture Status for AMS 534 (Recently approved as a new-crosslisted course with SOC 534 & AAAS 510. These two courses are already approved as NWC.)
- c) Changes to B.A. in Theatre & Film, Emphasis in Theatre

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. a) Proposal for a policy declaring a major  
b) Proposed revision for the catalog copy (p.53 of current catalog)

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approval was granted for:

The proposals to be tabled.

THE REASON:

Committee would like the department Chairs to review the proposals.

Dr. Clowes has agreed to email the departments for feedback.

2. Definition of Upper Level Principal Courses

This was not presented as the committee ran out of time.

**NEW BUSINESS** Nothing reported.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.**