

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING

Minutes of the Meeting for February 14, 2006

The committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 11:05 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bradley, Carlson, Carothers, Clark, Clowes, Crandall, Crosby, D' Anieri, Durham, Knight, Ledom, McCleary, McNeley, Miner, Steele, Thompson, Vitevitch, and Walton.

MINUTES The minutes for January 24, 2006 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT Professor Clowes announced that the Declaration of Major proposal has been slightly modified and was back in its new form for consideration by CUSA. Professor D'Anieri reported that the proposal had not been reviewed by the department chairs. Professor Clowes announced that a summary regarding reducing the general education hours should be available to the committee February 28, 2006.

DEAN'S REPORT Professor D'Anieri reported that the Dean's Office is in the process of interviewing and hiring for vacant positions, including an Associate Dean position.

CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC REPORT Dr. McNeley reported three new advising specialists would be hired upon approval from human resources and that a request to fund transition specialists to enact the policy of Declaration of Major would be in the upcoming budget.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Professor McCleary reported ongoing processing of petitions.

B. ADVISING

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

Approval was granted for (but with one opposing vote):

1. Proposal for declaring a major at 60 hours (02/07/06)

CUSA Advising Subcommittee
Proposal 2/7/06

* CLAS students will be required to declare a major in the term following completion of 60 credit hours.

* All students who have not declared a major will have an enrollment hold. They will be required to consult with an advisor before they can enroll. Declaration of a major removes the enrollment hold if the student has completed at least 60 credit hours.

* Special procedures apply to students who wish to major in Communication Studies, English, Political Science, or Psychology, or who wish to be admitted to a professional school (Allied Health, Business, Education, Journalism and Mass Communications, Nursing Pharmacy, and Social Welfare). Such students should file a declaration of major as "pre" (pre-English, pre-Business, etc.), if they have not been admitted by the deadline for declaring a major. In this case, by the term following completion of 75 credit hours, they must do one of the following:

- * gain admission to the major or professional school
- * provide a letter from the department or school, indicating that they are making progress towards and have a good chance of future admission in the major
- * declare a different major.

Students declared as "pre" must attend an advising session or appointment with the target department.

- * In a student's final advising session in FSAC, he/she will:

- * declare a major, if the student's record indicates a feasible choice, or
- * enroll for the following term in courses that would enable the student to declare a major, and consult with a University Career Counselor.

* Any student who has completed more than 60 credit hours and who fails to declare a major must go to College Student Academic Services for advising. The focus of that advising will be steering the student towards a major or discussing alternatives to the KU degree.

* A student is free at any time to pursue a different or additional major.

* The policy will apply to students entering the University for the first time Fall 2006.

C. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Curricular Changes

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approval was granted for: AAAS 336, AAAS 315/415, AAAS 429, ECON 534, ECON 585, ECON 595, ECON 670, ECON 695, HIST 377, HIST 670, PSYC 102, REES 220, SPAN 464, TH&F 385 and TH&F 429

2. Degree Requirement Changes

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

Approval was granted for:

- a) Non-Western Culture Proposals
AAAS 336, AAAS 429, REES 220, TH&F 385,
TH&F 429 and TH&F 586

Approval was granted for:

- b) Proposals & Policy Changes
 - 1. New Major option for BS Biology (Neurobiology)

Approval was granted for:

- c) Other

1. LA&S Topics Courses

CUSA charged the Curricular Change Subcommittee with review of all newly proposed LA&S Topics Courses before submitted to the Registrars Office. Based on the concerns raised by the committee about the repeatable courses, how they are named and how they appear, Professor Crandall moved that the Curricular Change Subcommittee specifically review the mechanics of LA&S 101. Karen Ledom reported that those who offer topics courses would be notified of the change in procedure.

2. Clarification of overlap in degrees, majors and minors
Referred back to the Curricular Changes Subcommittee to obtain additional information from the Registrar's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

More detailed definition of upper level principal courses was referred back to the Curricular Change Subcommittee for further review.

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