

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING
Minutes of the Meeting for October 25, 2005

The committee met on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 11:05 a.m., in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bentley, Bradley, Carlson, Carothers, Clowes, Crandall, Crosby, D'Anieri, Durham, Gordy, LaFever, Karpowitz, Knight, Manolescu, McCleary, McNeley, Shaw, Steele, Vitevitch, Wallace, Walton and Buskirk (visitor).

Minutes The minutes for October 11, 2005 were approved.

Chair's Report Dr. Clowes recommended Committee consider the following:

1. Each department chair review page 59 of the catalog for better understanding of the principal courses.
2. The GRAD IN FOUR report from the CAC on 10/18/05 highlighted the fact that students who seek a BGS usually take longer to complete the degree (10 to 12 semesters). A review of the BGS requirements are necessary.
3. Review the reduction of the general education requirements in specific detail as a group.

Dr. Clowes announced that Mr. Paul Buskirk, Associate Athletic Director will be attending the meeting to voice concerns regarding the proposed Academic Probation Plan.

Dean's Office Report Dr. D'Anieri highlighted the reason why the Associate Athletic Director was attending the meeting. He stated that Mr. Buskirk contacted him because of the concerns he had regarding the proposed Probation GPA 2.5 requirement on the student athlete. Dr. D'Anieri requested the committee to consider how the proposal could more adversely affect these specific students.

Additionally, Dr. D'Anieri reported that he is currently collecting data to develop a report on the general education requirements of other institutions. The data requested would only provide general information (no details) of what's required. The report should be available to the committee next meeting.

CLAS Student Academic Services Report Dr. McNeley announced that the first round of the Math Prerequisite Checking System has started and she will provide updates as they become available.

Subcommittee Chair Reports

- A. Academic Standards
Dr. McCleary presented the recommendations for the Readmission After Dismissal guidelines.

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION
Approval was granted as follows:

READMISSION AFTER DISMISSAL

1. Students dismissed for the first time from the University of Kansas College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must wait at least one full Fall or Spring semester before returning to the University of Kansas*. Summer session will not be counted as a full semester. In addition, a dismissed student must demonstrate academic success by completing a minimum of six (6) hours of transferable *academic* course work at another higher education institution or via KU Independent Study. In order to be readmitted, students must attain a GPA of

2.50 or better in all hours taken after dismissal. *All* coursework that has been taken at every institution will be calculated into the GPA since dismissal even if student opted for that institution's retake policy. If students are lacking Math or English courses to fulfill the Early and Continuous Enrollment requirements, they must complete all the courses necessary, through English 101 (or equivalent) and Math 101* (or equivalent) during the dismissal period. A student dismissed from another school at the University of Kansas will have his/her status reviewed based on CLAS regulations beginning with initial KU term. This means if the student would have been dismissed under CLAS regulations, this would be considered a first dismissal, even though the student was not a CLAS student. Upon readmission, the student must maintain at least a 2.5 semester GPA until reaching good academic status in order to be allowed to continue in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

*This may mean that some students must actually wait more than one semester in order to meet these conditions and apply for readmission.

2. Students dismissed for the second time from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must wait at least one academic year before applying for readmission. In addition, a dismissed student must demonstrate academic success by completing a minimum of twelve (12) hours of transferable *academic* course work at another higher education institution or via KU Independent Study. In order to be readmitted, students must attain a GPA of 2.50 or better in all hours taken after dismissal. *All* coursework that has been taken at every institution will be calculated into the GPA since dismissal even if student opted for that institution's retake policy. If students are lacking English 102 (or equivalent) and 2nd required Math course MATH 105, MATH 106, MATH 111, MATH 115, MATH 121, MATH 365 or BIOL 570 (or an equivalent course) they must complete these courses during the dismissal period. Upon readmission, the student must maintain at least a 2.5 semester GPA until reaching good academic status in order to be allowed to continue in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

NOTE: Students who are in their last 30 hours are required to meet with the Readmission Advisor in CLAS Student Academic Services to discuss their options.

3. A third dismissal is final.

B. Advising

Dr. Bayer commented that the media's report on the GRAD IN FOUR Task Force does not address how many hours employed students' work which would slow down the graduation rate. She would like to see more specific reports on enrollment holds for non-declared students and for implementing advising.

C. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements

1. Curricular Changes

Dr. Vitevitch presented the recommendations for the Curricular Changes in the following courses:

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

Changes were approved for:

LA&S 101, LA&S 301, SOC 350, TH&F 309, TH&F 429
and TH&F 509.

2. Degree Requirements

Dr. Vitevitch presented the recommendations for the Degree Requirements.

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

Approval was granted for:

- a) The principal course status of HWC 110.
- b) Russian & East European Studies co-major name change to Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.
- c) Changes to Theatre & Film majors, BGS with Emphasis in Theatre & Film Studies, BGS with Emphasis in Theatre and BA with Emphasis in Theatre.

New Business The committee ran out of time and new business was not covered.

Old Business Review of the Probation GPA 2.5 requirements from the previous business was introduced by a visitor from the Athletics Department. Mr. Paul Buskirk, Associate Athletics Director, announced that five hundred Student Athletes are under the guidelines of the NCAA and he suggested that the committee consider how the probation policy CUSA proposes could affect them. Mr. Buskirk stated that the NCAA's academic standards require satisfactory progress toward degree completion and continuous full time enrollment, in addition to the GPA criteria. These additional criteria may place students at a greater disadvantage as they attempt to raise their GPA and to satisfy the policy proposed. The issue raised some debates. Dr. D'Anieri moved that the committee table reaching a decision until further research could be done. The committee agreed to present the issue before the subcommittee for review.

Consideration of the reduction of hours required for the general education requirements from the preceding business was presented by Dr. Clowes. She requested the committee offer suggestions as to how we might go about doing that. Dr. Carothers recommended a simple solution: to reduce the number of principal courses required in each general education requirement from 3 to 2. Dr. Clowes suggested that we develop skills across the curriculum and rethink the principal courses to enhance those skills. The committee agreed to review this issue again.

Dr. Bayer encouraged the committee to reconsider whether the BGS is really the weaker degree because of the fact that 33% of students have it. Dr. Vitevitch expressed concerns that if the decision is made to do away with the BGS a crisis would occur (especially within the Spanish Department). Dr. Karpowitz suggested adding a sign or computer language as a requirement to the BGS. Further review was agreed upon.

Earlier business regarding reinstatement of divisional chairs reviewing principal courses (prior to being sent to the subcommittee) was presented. The committee moved for a volunteer to propose the recommendation in writing to Dean Romzek. Dr. Carothers agreed to write the letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 P.M.