

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING

Minutes of the Meeting for November 08, 2005

The committee met on Tuesday, November 08, 2005, at 11:05 a.m., in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bentley, Bradley, Carlson, Carothers, Clark, Clowes, Crandall, Crosby, D'Aneri, Durham, Gavosto (visitor), Gordy, LaFever, Karpowitz, Knight, Manolescu, McNeley, Shaw, Steele, Vitevitch, Wallace and Walton.

Minutes The minutes for October 25, 2005 were approved.

New Business Due to the current charge of reviewing the General Education Requirements of the College, Dr. Gavosto was asked to provide the committee information regarding competencies targeted by the mathematics requirements within our current general education requirements. Dr. Gavosto highlighted the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Principles and Standards for School Mathematics, specifically the expectations of Algebra Standards for Grades 9-12 to provide the committee with a sense of fundamental skills necessary to begin college level study. She further outlined the Kansas Core Course Outcomes and Competencies and course content for Math 101 as taught at KU.

A discussion of the presentation included: current admission requirements and the role of Math 002 in developing fundamental math skills, application of mathematics competencies in later courses (required for student's major or receiving principal course designation), and the impact of class size on this application.

Chair's Report Dr. Clowes announced that:

- 1) Interim Dean Romzek gave approval requiring divisional chairs to review principal courses prior to being sent to the subcommittee.
- 2) Professor Michael Johnson, Director of Freshman/ Sophomore English, will visit CUSA on November 22nd to talk about writing skills taught in ENGL 101, 102, and 203;
- 3) Debra Ford, Lecturer/Academic Program Associate of the Communications Studies Department will be attending the December 13th CUSA meeting to talk about communications skills in COMS 130 and 230.

Dr. Clowes also provided updates on previous discussions of current degree options and general education requirements. She reported differences in KU Grade Point Average and ACT scores between students pursuing BA, BGS and BS degrees.

Additionally, Dr. Clowes encouraged the committee to review the use of writing across the curriculum of Colorado State and Wisconsin University at the following websites:

www.wac.colostate.edu/intro/
www.mendota.edu.wisc.edu/~wac/

Dean's Office Reports Dr. D'Aneri reported that the data regarding the General Education requirements of other universities are still being compiled. This information will be available by the next meeting.

CLAS Student Academic Services Reports Dr. McNeley reported that graduation advisors in Student Academic Services are currently completing degree audits for students hoping to graduate in the Spring 2006 semester. As always, deficiencies in requirements will be communicated immediately to the students. Additionally, the faculty advisor or undergraduate coordinators in the academic unit will be copied on these notifications. By conducting audits at this time, students and their faculty advisors will be informed of unmet degree requirements at a time when adjustments to their final semester enrollment can still be made. This communication will also provide a mechanism to improve the consistency in advising across units within the College.

Subcommittee Chair Reports

- A. Academic Standards
Dr. McCleary stated that the Student Dismissal Policy, including the academic performance requirements during probation, was discussed further the past subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee has not reach a conclusion on the matter and it is still being reviewed.
- B. Advising
Dr. Bayer reported that the subcommittee was developing a proposal to address the Graduation in Four Report's recommendation to require students to select a major by 60 hours. A final proposal will be forth coming.
- C. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements

- 1. Curricular Changes

- Dr. Walton presented the recommendations for the Curricular Changes.

- FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Approval was granted for: GERM 320, GERM 325, GERM 328, GERM 332, LING 305, LING 307, LING 312, LING 314, LING 416 and LING 420.

- 2. Degree Requirements

- Dr. Walton presented the recommendations for the Degree Requirements.

- A. FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

- The following Principal Course Approvals were tabled:

- GERM 320, GERM 324, GERM 328, GERM 332, and MUSIC 310.

- THE REASON

- The committee wanted the justifications revised and requested the divisional Department Chairs' review prior to final approval by CUSA.

- B. FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

- The following was not approved: Change to Humanities and Western Civilization Major

- THE REASON

- The committee wanted more clarity from the department.

- C. FULL COMMITTEE ACTION

- The following change was approved:

- Non-Western Culture Course: EALC 420/620

Old Business

The following CUSA members volunteered to be on the Faculty Elections Committee:

- 1) Dr. Crandall
- 2) Dr. Carothers

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.