

The University of Kansas
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES & ADVISING

AGENDA

DECEMBER 14, 2010, 11:00AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

- I. Approval of CUSA Minutes from November 23, 2010
- II. Chair's Report
- III. Dean's Office Report
- IV. CLA&S Student Academic Services Report
- V. Subcommittee Chair Reports
 - A. Advising & Awards
Degree Progress Report – Replacement of ARTS
 - B. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements
 1. Curricular Changes for Approval:
NEW COURSES: EURS 435, HIST 560, HWC 435
DEACTIVATED COURSES: COMS 238, COMS 545
CHANGES: FMS 307
 - C. Academic Standards Report

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING

Minutes of the Meeting for November 23, 2010

The committee met on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bradley, Burright, Childers, Conrad, Corbeill, Crosby, Cudd, de Boer, Dozier, Earnhart, Fischer, Hurst, Ledom, McCrea, McNeley, Sereno, Tucker

MINUTES A motion was made to approve as written the November 9, 2010 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT No report.

DEAN'S OFFICE REPORT Associate Dean Cudd reported that the Strategic Planning Energizing the Educational Environment workgroup is moving forward, and she is chairing the Advising and Intervention subgroup. She welcomes input from CUSA members.

CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT Assistant Dean McNeley informed CUSA members that a notice would be sent to affected students the next week regarding Incompletes assigned in Fall 2009, reminding students those Incompletes would lapse to an 'F' at the end of the Fall 2010 term. She asked CUSA members to share that information with their departments again, and request faculty members submit that change of grade, or a lapse grade other than 'F' if pertinent, by the Fall 2010 grade submission deadline. Clarification was made that instructors (if they approve) and students who wish to extend the deadline to finish the required work beyond one academic year will have to petition Academic Standards.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. ADVISING & AWARDS

Professor Earnhart reported the subcommittee continues to refine the College online degree progress report text. They are working on three versions and will bring them to CUSA when they are ready.

B. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Curricular Changes for Approval

NEW COURSES: BIOL 480, BIOL 481, EALC 315, EALC 413, EALC 541, EALC 543, JWSH 318, SLAV 318, WGSS 640

Professor Fischer presented for the subcommittee, and went over each of the above proposed new courses, then brought forward a motion to approve them. There were no questions, and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DELETED COURSES: EALC 306, REL 304, REL 306, REL 307, REL 324, REL 372

Dr. Fischer then went over the proposed course deletions and mentioned all were proposed due to "housekeeping" and clean-up. He brought forward a motion to approve the above course deletions and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CHANGES: AMS 290, EALC 105, EALC 108, FMS 315, FMS 413, FMS 541, FMS 543, POLS 640, REL 104, REL 105, REL 106, REL 107, REL 108, REL 109, REL 124, REL 125, REL 171, REL 172

Dr. Fischer went over the above proposed course changes and noted that most of them were related to the newly-approved new courses and course deletions. He brought forward the motion to approve the above changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Degree Requirements for Approval:

- a. Change to Existing Religious Studies Major and Minor
- b. Change to Existing Russian and East European Studies Co-Major and Minor
- c. Change to Existing Women's Studies Major and Minor
- d. Change to Existing Human Sexuality Minor
- e. Create Admission Requirements for Existing Theatre Major

Dr. Fischer summarized each of the above proposed degree requirements. He noted the proposed admission requirements in item e. followed the CUSA-approved template. A

question was raised about item e., asking if it was reasonable for students to meet the admission requirements by approximately 60 hours, and it was confirmed that they could. Dr. Fischer brought forward the motion to approve items a. through e. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. **OLD BUSINESS - Curricular Changes for Approval:**

CHANGES: CHEM 646, CHEM 648

Dr. Fischer moved on to the above proposed changes, and noted the department's response to questions raised earlier by the CUSA. Clarification was made that the math courses listed as prerequisites for CHEM 646 and 648 are also required for the major. After some discussion, the motion was made to approve the above changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

C. **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

Professor Dozier presented the report for the subcommittee (see attachment).

The current business was complete, and a few general topics were discussed, including a note that people in the Dean's office are tracking various possible reasons for lower than normal enrollment. College Student Academic Services will be reviewing survey results from the CDG (graduation) hold survey, to determine what barriers were listed by students. They will do more intensive follow-up with students who are very close to graduating. Student Success will be making calls to newer students who have not re-enrolled to determine what barriers are noted by those students. An invitation was extended to CUSA members and faculty in the College to attend the College December Graduation Ceremony on December 12 in the Lied Center. It was noted that in May, the Distinction/Highest Distinction and Master's Hooding ceremonies will be combined and will begin at 8:00 a.m. on May 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attachment to Minutes from Nov. 23 CUSA Meeting

Academic Standards Subcommittee of CUSA

Minutes of the Meeting on November 16, 2010

Degree Requirement Petitions**1629) Request to graduate with less than 2.00 KU Major GPA due to misadvising**

Tabled - This petition is pending support from the MATH department. If this petition is supported by the math department then it is approved due to misadvising.

1630) Request to graduate with less than 2.00 KU GPA due to misadvising

Approved (4,0) - Student has a missing grade from EECS 138 from the Spring 2005 semester and this missing grade was not caught as a problem for graduation. The practice in the College is to treat all WG (waiting grades) and I (incompletes) as a grade of F so that we can be assured that the student is graduating with a KU cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. This student had neither a WG or I but rather a missing grade that when calculated as a F would bring his KU cumulative GPA to less than a 2.00 with the addition of another incomplete that had been previously calculated. The subcommittee determined that this request should be approved due to the missing grade issue and the fact that it was just realized by the graduation advisor. The subcommittee does want us to follow up with EECS to find out about this missing grade.

1631) Request to count COMS 150 in the BGS Liberal Arts and Sciences argument and reason requirement

Approved (4,0) - The subcommittee is okay with using COMS 150 because it has counted in the previous Argument and Reason requirement when the student originally completed the course in Fall 1991.

1632) Request to waive the HR, SC and SF principal course requirements due to financial reasons.

Denied (4,0) - The subcommittee determined that there was no reason to review student's request.

1633) Request to graduate with less than 100 class hours due to misadvising

Approved (4,0) - Student was advised that he could complete the Business minor and still be okay with his 100 class hours, however that is not the case since he was transferring in 15 professional school hours from a community college. The subcommittee approves allowing the student to complete the necessary coursework for the minor but no other future professional school courses will count towards this requirement.

1634) Request to graduate with less than 2.00 KU Major GPA due to misadvising

Approved (4,0) - This petition was approved due to misadvising and graduation hardship caused by failure to communicate status of students appeal.

1637) Request to count HNRS 310 as HL credit

Tabled - Currently subcommittee is tied regarding this request. Checking for information to determine if there is a graduation hardship.

Retroactive withdrawals**1571) Retroactive withdrawal from BIOL 408 due to illness**

Tabled - Need more documentation but only reviewing a full semester withdrawal not a withdraw from a single course.

1599) Retroactive withdrawal from Spring 2009

Tabled - Requesting a letter from doctor. Medical documentation does not make diagnosis clear.

1. Curricular Changes for Approval

CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

CHANGE: NEW CROSS-LISTED COURSE

EURS 435 ISLAM IN EUROPE 3 H

Investigation of Muslim migration into Europe and day-to-day interactions of Muslims with other European populations. This is an integrated study of historical, political, religious and economic influences that determine Muslim experience in contemporary European culture. (Same as HWC 435) LEC

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

CHANGE: DEACTIVATE COURSE

COMS 238 CASES IN PERSUASION 3 H

An exploration of basic principles that explain the effect and effectiveness of the arts of persuasion currently practiced in American society. Class discussions of incidents leading to the discovery of principles and theories that explain them. Continuing emphasis on issues concerning the ethical character of persuasion in contemporary life. Prerequisite: COMS 130, COMS 150, or COMS 230. LEC

CHANGE: DEACTIVATE COURSE

COMS 545 NARRATIVES IN ORAL COMMUNICATION 3 H

This course covers the types, structure, and presentation of oral narratives as they are used in public address, organizational leadership, conversation, spiritual discourse, parenting, counseling, and other contexts. Prerequisite: COMS 130. LEC

FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES

CHANGE: CREDIT

FMS 307 UNDERGRADUATE FILM/MEDIA INTERNSHIP 1-3 H

(OLD)

Supervised study with an approved film/media company or project. May be repeated for credit. No more than six hours may be applied to the B.A. or B.G.S. degrees. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor and at least seven credit in the department. FLD

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FMS 307 UNDERGRADUATE FILM/MEDIA INTERNSHIP 1-6 H

(NEW)

Supervised study with an approved film/media company or project. May be repeated for credit. No more than six hours may be applied to the B.A. or B.G.S. degrees. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor and at least seven credit in the department. FLD

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HISTORY

CHANGE: NEW COURSE

HIST 560 THE VALUE OF FREEDOM 4 H

This course explores multiple definitions of freedom: its value, limitations, and evolving meaning. The course specifically focuses on four major contexts in which human beings have faced existential questions about freedom's value: politics, religion, work, and gender relations. The goals are to explore the ways in which other societies and epochs have valued freedom and balanced it against competing social goods and thus to attune students to the particularities of today's definitions and celebrations of freedom. LEC

HUMANITIES AND WESTERN CIVILIZATION

CHANGE: NEW CROSS-LISTED COURSE

HWC 435 ISLAM IN EUROPE 3 H

Investigation of Muslim migration into Europe and day-to-day interactions of Muslims with other European populations. This is an integrated study of historical, political, religious and economic influences that determine Muslim experience in contemporary European culture. (Same as EURS 435) LEC