

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Members in Attendance: D. Barbeau, M. Barber, G. Barker, E. Blessing, C. Boyd, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, S. Fanale, L. Fenneberg, J. Gilman, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, L. Israel, J. Langan, K. Mitchell, K. Thatcher, E. Trevathan, S. Tyuse, J. Welch

Guests: Jessica Perolio, Sheila Leander and Anne McCabe.

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2014 Meeting:

Motion made by Joanne Langan to approve October 1, 2014 meeting minutes without revisions and seconded by Sabrina Tyuse – motion unanimously approved.

Academic Programs Updates:

BS Forensic Science and BA Medieval Studies were scheduled to be presented at CADD in October, however current events at SLU altered the October CADD agenda and therefore the programs were unable to be presented. Both programs are scheduled to be presented at the November CADD.

Honors – Jessica Perolio, Director-Honors Program, presented updates:

- There are approx. 500 Honors students with ½ as CAS as an academic home.
- The new curriculum went live in Fall 2012. Honors has been operating with 2 curricula for the past 2 years with a sunset of old curriculum at the end of Spring 2015.
- Next year will be the 1st year Honors seniors will be required to complete a capstone project in the new curriculum. Important to work with students and programs with complex curricular patterns early to identify best curricular options for students and faculty.
- 2 new staff members in Honors: Robert Pampel, Assistant Director, and Annie Neidel, Program Coordinator (including post-baccalaureate scholarships and fellowships, Presidential Scholars and Crossroads).
- Honors Faculty Council (HFC) has been re-established and are currently reviewing topics such as: admissions processes, ILEX, student outcomes, and Honors mission statement.
- Provided an overview of the new website and faculty access webpages.

Latin Honors – Accelerated Nursing Program – Sheila Leander

Query: can the accelerated nursing students receive Latin Honors at graduation? The current policy reads need 60 credits at SLU and the accelerated nursing program only requires 54 credits total.

- Accelerated nursing program is a 12 month program, approx. 15-18 credits/semester, 300 applications each year – admit about 120, class of 70 through attrition.

- Require 3.0 GPA in science courses, all science pre-requisite courses must have been taken in past 10 years.

Comments to consider: approx. 50% entering program have GPA 3.5 or higher, all have a baccalaureate degree coming into the program (unless current SLU student), does SLU transfer in credit for these students? Not at this time – there is no articulation of the prior baccalaureate degree. How does this impact other programs on campus that have students who transfer in? Action – continue to investigate options and articulation.

Academic Policies – Reminder to forward any feedback with regard to University-Wide Academic Program Review and University-Wide Academic Integrity Policy to Dr. Carlin and/or Dr. Dorsey by the end of the fall term. The task forces will begin to consolidate and review the feedback in early spring.

New Academic Programs

Modern Languages and Intercultural Communication (MLIC) Minor – Madrid

Anne McCabe – provided an overview of the new academic program proposal.

Point of interest in consideration of this proposal:

- Madrid’s multilingual campus is represented in this proposal – 65 different countries represented on campus.
- Provides students with an understanding how to use language in context.
- Assessment plan is essentially the same as the Spanish Program. Learning outcome #1 is at the same level of the major – recommendation to review this standard as an outcome for the minor, is the expectation for the minor the same as for the major?

Future UAAC agenda items

Explore ROTC and other transfer credit at the University – Sabrina Tyuse offered that CCJ and SW are now accepting Navy and Army ROTC credit primarily as elective credit. This will be added to the current catalogue.

Announcements

1. UAAC, GAAC and ADD will undergo a formative evaluation process via the OAA. If there are specific areas of feedback that you as a UAAC member or that you are aware the University community would like to receive please forward it to Dr. Dorsey. All current and past UAAC, GAAC and ADD members will receive a survey to assist the evaluative process.
2. Student Development is in the process of hiring an Associate Dean of Students.
3. 1st MapWorks survey for fall = 94% completion for traditional undergraduate students and 51% for transfer students. The 2nd fall check-up survey is currently at 51% completion for traditional undergraduate students and 14% for transfer students. The goal for traditional undergraduate students on 2nd survey is 80% and will close on November 15th. The RSS coaches are currently reaching out to at risk students.

4. Disability Services is currently meeting with faculty to discuss attendance accommodations and student/faculty rights. Please contact Lisa Israel or Heather Stout for additional information or to schedule a meeting for greater discussion.
5. Fall application review is underway approx. 1300 apps since 10/15/14. Sunday, October 5th is a Preview Day – expecting 300 students and 400 guest total.
6. CAS Faculty Council is currently discussing cross-listing course processes.
7. Program in Athletic Training is piloting Academic Program Review; Program in Athletic Training will host the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy 2016 World Congress.
8. Student Involvement Center reported that the freshman pre-registration pilot for biology and chemistry courses from Fall 2014 seems to have been favorable from student and advisor feedback. They will follow-up with biology and chemistry to gain feedback on the process from the academic unit perspective.
9. Pius and Medical Center libraries will introduce new web pages in January 2015.
10. University assessment reported an undergraduate student learning outcomes rubric pilot project for senior and freshman students is underway. Student work is uploaded into Task Stream, inclusive of a reflective piece on learning outcomes focusing on critical learning experiences that hasn't been captured in curricular and co-curricular artifacts.
11. University assessment also reported that the University is currently evaluating alternative course evaluation software. There will be open sessions on campus for 2 vendors.
12. Joanne Langan has been named the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Pre-Licensure Programs in Nursing for the School of Nursing.
13. SON successfully completed a CCNE accreditation visit in October meeting all standards. The MO State Board will review the SON December 14, 2014.
14. The SON recently celebrated their first white coat ceremony – the ceremony will be repeated in Madrid.
15. SON currently searching for 4 FT faculty – they have one offer out; continue to recruit 3 additional faculty. Jordan Cannon is the new SON Retention Specialist.
16. Madrid reports that it is Science Week in Madrid. This allows high school students to come and visit the biology and chemistry labs – they expect about 130 students.

Substantive Program Change Form deferred until December – lack of time for adequate review.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am