

**Minutes**  
**Undergraduate Academic Affairs**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2013**

**In Attendance:** D. Barbeau, Fr. M. Barber, E. Blessing, C. Boyd, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, S. Fanale, J. Giancola, P. Gregory, J. Haugen, R. Hindi, L. Israel, D. Lohe, K. Porterfield, A. Rule, S. Sanchez, K. Syberg, S. Tyuse, J. Welch, E. Whitt

**Guest:** Stephanie Mooshegian

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The December 5, 2012 meeting minutes were approved with the correction of PHIL 205 instead of PHIL 105 for the minor in IPE notated.

**Updates:**

- a. Dr. Whitt announced the minor in IPE and the GIS certificate proposals were presented to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at the December meeting. Funding for the IPE program will be provided by the School of Medicine.
- b. The GIS certificate funding will not require new institutional funds. It will receive reallocated funds.
- c. The University-Wide Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes was unanimously approved by the Council of Deans and Directors at the December meeting. It was presented to the President's Coordinating Council and was also approved. The website is up and a Newlink announcement will be published in the near future.
- d. The B.S. Neuroscience will not be going forward at this time due to the lack of available funding. It is slated to be on the September 2013 Board of Trustees Agenda.
- e. Jay Haugen stated the UAAC Task Force on Undergraduate Academic Policies has been meeting regularly for the past 12 months. There are 17 proposals in "draft form" that will be reviewed. The drafts will be distributed to Parks, College of Public Health and Social Justice, the School of Nursing and the Madrid campus for feedback. The main purpose is to identify what academic policies might be causing barriers for students—lack of consistencies across colleges/schools.

**Program Proposals:**

- a. Dr. Mooshegian, Chair of Organizational Studies in SPS, presented a proposal to close the SPS Real Estate and Community Development minor program and the Bridge to the Masters in Urban Planning and Real Estate Development in May 2014. The program began in 2007 and reached its peak enrollment in 2008. Presently there are only 26 students enrolled, down from 65 students. Adjunct instructors have been assigned to teach these classes and because classes are often cancelled due to low enrollment it is hard to retain instructors. Students become frustrated when classes are cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Closing the program in May 2014 will allow enough time for students who are enrolled in the program to complete it. Students who enrolled prior to Summer 2013 may have the opportunity to matriculate into the

UPRED bridge program with Dr. Sarah Coffin's approval. A complete student exit plan will be provided to the students once this proposal is approved.

- b. The second proposal Dr. Mooshegian presented was the closing of the SPS's Sales Leadership minor and certificate program. The program began in 2009 and had an enrollment of 28 students. Currently there are only 17 students enrolled. Adjunct instructors are assigned to teach these courses and because of lack of enrollment, the classes are often cancelled leading to frustration on everyone involved. The effective closing will be in May 2014. Students may look at the options of taking non-credit instruction being offered in SPS's Center for Workforce Organizational Development. Dr. Mooshegian stated SPS would like to retain the curriculum should the market rebound. This would eliminate having to redevelop the coursework and getting the curriculum reapproved. A complete student exit plan will be provided to the students once this proposal is approved.
- a. Dr. Craig Boyd presented proposed changes to the CORE curriculum for the School of Professional Studies. The 2010 Core Curriculum self-assessment suggests a greater emphasis on the student's ability in writing, better instruction in the use of technology, a stronger emphasis on interdisciplinary courses, questions of diversity, the Jesuit mission and identity.

The task force recommended:

- ✓ Adding *CST 115 Concepts and Applications of Technology* to the core
- ✓ Reduce the Social Sciences requirements from 9 credits to 6 credits
- ✓ Offering *PHIL 110: Critical Thinking* in place of Introduction to Philosophy
- ✓ Require writing components in the following areas:
  - PHIL 105 or PHIL 110
  - PHIL 205
  - THEO 100
  - HIST 111,112, or 352
- ✓ Require students to take either "Cultural Diversity in the US" or "Global Citizenship"
- ✓ Require a diversity component in THEO 100, Capstone course
- ✓ Majors may choose to have either a capstone course or a portfolio
- ✓ Combine the quantitative reasoning and natural science requirements with a course from each area and a third course from either area

#### UAAC Proposal Forms:

- a. Draft: Delivery of SLU Programs in Madrid:

All proposals to offer an existing major, certificate or degree program in its entirety at the Madrid campus must be approved by the VP of Academic Affairs. Art/Art History is the pilot program. UAAC/GACC does not have to approve these, but any suggested changes or concerns may be forwarded to the VP of Academic Affairs within one month of the initial submission. Dr. Welch said the form is being used for the economics program and it is priority.
- b. Forms needed for Program Closings, Significant Changes in existing programs

Dr. Sanchez stated that Dr. Craig Smith has developed a change form and it has gone before GAAC. The School of Public Health has developed a 'closing process' for certificates. Dr. Whitt asked if anyone would like to become involved in developing these forms to contact her. Dr. Sanchez stated that the members of the Board of Trustees has stated due care must be given when choosing to close a program/certificate.

**Announcements:**

Dr. Hindi stressed that the SLU Community must remember that the students come first. They sometimes feel they are not being treated fairly especially when classes are cancelled.

Dr. Porterfield announced the Chartwells contract ends in 2014. Four companies are very interested in partnering with SLU. More information will be dispensed as it becomes available.

Michelle Lewis is the new Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action.

The Center for Global Citizenship will be having tours over the next few weeks. Feedback/suggestions are welcome.

The SPS Center for Workforce Development will be housed in the Wool Center and will open on March 4, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.