

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL
February 2, 2007
101 Whitehurst Conference Room
MINUTES

Present: Pam Bowers, Bruce Crauder, Ed Miller, Leigh Goodson, Mark Payton, Rita Peaster, Shiretta Ownbey, David Thompson, Mark Weiser, Adrienne Hyle, Susan Stansberry, Missy Wikle, Trinity Smith, and Gail Gates.

1. New Student Orientation Initiatives – Missy Wikle

Missy Wikle recently became the Director of the new Student Orientation and Enrollment Office and her office has been working on revising new student orientation programs to be held each summer. The hope is to communicate with new students from the time they are admitted until they arrive on campus for classes. Enrollment Management wanted to go to all overnight orientation programs but it was not possible therefore the goal will be to have half overnight programs and half single day programs. Missy noted that her office has developed a website (newstudents.okstate.edu) that will contain information for new students. Each unit will have on-campus student orientation leaders and marketing and awareness initiatives will be enhanced. Missy noted that due to the recent Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education changes in the remedial policy their office will work to make certain that students are aware of the requirements and options. Missy asked members if they would work with their colleges to plan the college-led activities scheduled during orientation.

2. Degree Requests

College of Arts and Sciences

Program Modification: Psychology, Ph.D. (178)

Option Name Change: Experimental to Lifespan Development Psychology

Program Requirement Change: Change in number of core courses

The College of Arts and Sciences request program requirement changes to ensure that students will complete coursework necessary to obtain expertise in current theory and research in developmental psychology across the lifespan.

Approved

College of Education

New Program: Educational Technology, M.S.

The College of Education requests the new program for students interested in furthering their knowledge, skills, and opportunities in the area of educational technology and library media, the M.S. will enhance their marketability and, the case of the School Library Media option, provide credentials necessary for recommendation for this particular area of teacher certification.

Approved

College of Arts and Sciences and Spears School of Business

New Program: Business Geographics, M.S.

The College of Arts and Sciences and Spears School of Business request the new program to produce skilled university graduates who will work in government and private industry to meet the growing demand for computer-skilled Geographic Information Systems (GIS) professionals and support economic development in Oklahoma and the US.

Approved pending clarification of the wording on the administration of the request.

Spears School of Business

New Program: Business Data Mining, Graduate Certificate

The Spears School of Business requests the new program as there is a strong demand for business professionals trained in the area of data mining. The certificate program focuses on establishing an understanding of the functionality of large databases, the methods used to access and manipulate data from such databases, and the methods used to analyze data patterns, make predictions/forecasts and interpret such analyses in the context of business applications giving students the opportunity to develop relevant skills in business data mining.

Approved

3. Other

Members noted that there had been communication between Academic Affairs, the Graduate College, and faculty about an Interdisciplinary Task Force. Some members and college Deans were unaware of this task force and its purpose. They asked that Mark Payton and Gordon Emslie send an email to Instruction Council members and Deans identifying member of the task force and clarifying its purpose. Members also asked for a copy of the appointment letter and asked that Dr. Emslie address the task force in Dean's Council

Leigh Goodson noted that the Center for Health Sciences (CHS) conducted a study of how well students performed in medical school. Students who completed upper division lab courses performed better than students without the courses. Dr. Goodson asked members to let her know what CHS can do or provide to recruit more OSU students and commented that CHS plans to have a fulltime on-campus recruitment person within the year. Members asked if Dr. Goodson could send them CHS's recruitment materials.

Homework – Dr. Gates asked that members review the proposal from International Education and Outreach and members will vote at the next meeting.

Adjourn: 10:30 a.m.