

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL
February 6, 2009
Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence
MINUTES

Present: Raj Basu, Celeste Campbell, Bruce Crauder, Bob Davis, Shiretta Ownbey, Mark Payton, Chris Ross, David Thompson, Mark Weiser, and Gail Gates.

1. Curricular Requests

College of Arts and Sciences

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, Minor

The proposed Middle East Studies Minor will offer students a comprehensive view and understanding of the culture, history, politics, economics, and geography of the Middle East. As the United States becomes an indisputably intimate political and economic player in the Middle East, American students in general, and Oklahoma students need to learn more about the culture and current problems of the region. This offering will provide Oklahoma State University graduates with a competitive edge to secure employment in the growing market created by American businesses and governmental interests located in or dealing with the Middle East.

Members approved pending modifications as follows: 1) under section 1D replace the wording "will be and will" in the first two sentences to "may"; 2) remove the wording "College of Business and Economics" and replace with "Spears School of Business"; 3) correct HIST 30013 to HIST 3013 under III.2.f; and 4) III.2.k list the four languages .

PHYSICS, MS (162)
Program Modification: Option Addition

Option Addition: Optics and Photonics

The College of Arts and Sciences requests the option addition to create a parallel option to that in Electrical Engineering to a serve growing number of students pursuing a concentration in this area.

Members approved.

College of Education

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADULT EDUCATION, MS (204)
and
HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADULT EDUCATION, EDD (206)

Program Modification: Program Deletions

The College of Education requests the program deletion as the area faculty have retired or left the University and this area is no longer a priority.

Member approved.

EDUCATION, Ph.D. (435)
Program Modification: Other Degree Program Modification

Other Degree Program Modification: Addition of 18 hours of specialization in Special Education to the Professional Education Studies option of the Ph.D. in Education.

The College of Education requests this specialization so that Special Education hours are available to students that want to include Special Education as part of their doctorate studies at OSU.

Members approved.

College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MS (072)
Program Modification: Option Additions

Option Additions: (1) Optics and Photonics; and (2) Control Systems

The College of Engineering and Architecture Technology requests the option additions to more efficiently replace existing standalone programs with low current interest. The Photonics option is in collaboration with the Department of Physics.

Members approved.

Spears School of Business

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, Minors

To add Entrepreneurship minors for Business "Minor in Entrepreneurship", non-business engineering "Engineering Minor in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity", and for all other majors "The Minor in Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Creativity".

Members approved pending modifications as follows: 1) include AGEC 1114 and IEM 3503 as substitution courses; 2) add a minimum GPA of 2.0; and 3) add footnote to include the wording "Departments may waive one course of core is completed".

Drop the Entrepreneurship and Business Development minor.

Members approved.

2. Matriculation Date and Degree Program Time Limits – Celeste Campbell

Celeste noted she welcomes discussion and seeks approval for the proposal to clarify the matriculation date and degree program time limits in the catalog. Celeste noted that other Big XII institutions policies varied, some institutions have no time limits others vary from 6-10 years.

Members approved the proposal provided that exceptions are allowed.

3. Changes in Graduate Credit Hours for Seniors – Mark Payton

Mark commented that the Graduate College seeks approval for the proposal "Specifying Minimum GPA Standards for Graduating Seniors Receiving Graduate Credit".

Members approved the proposal pending modification of #4 removing "the director of student services office" and adding academic dean or designate".

4. Proposed Catalog Change – Defining Continuous Enrollment – Mark Payton

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) defines “continuous enrollment” for undergrads as no break in “transcript action” from Fall to Spring. The Graduate College is proposing a more appropriate policy that would allow a break in enrollment (i.e. lack of transcript action) for one semester, in addition to the allowed break for the summer. After three consecutive terms of non-enrollment (one Fall, one Spring, and one Summer), a graduate student must apply for readmission.

Members approved.

5. English Proficiency Policy and Procedures – Gail Gates

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Proposed Numbering Scheme for Courses Offered for Both Undergraduate and Graduate Credit – Mark Payton

Mark noted that after numerous discussions with a variety of individuals it was decided to create graduate sections with a “G” indicator for courses with undergraduate and graduate credit. Mark commented that there are still issues being worked out regarding supplemental and outreach courses and will probably encourage outreach to create 5000 level courses.

Discussions will continue in our next meeting.

7. Availability of Diversity Courses – Gail Gates

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Other

Dr. Gates noted that at some point Instruction Council should discuss setting minimum requirements for minors.

D2L access for tutors can be allowed if the department will add the individual as an instructor.

Adjourn: 11:50 a.m.