

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

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Present: Raj Basu, Celeste Campbell, Bruce Crauder, Bob Davis, Bavette Miller, Ed Miller, Shiretta Ownbey, Chris Ross, David Thompson, Jean Van Delinder, Robert Dooley, Bob Graalman, and Gail Gates.

1. Curricular Requests

College of Arts and Sciences

AMERICAN STUDIES, MINOR

New Minor

The College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University requests the new minor due to repeated student demand for a way to pair American Studies with several of the core fields that American Studies draws upon (e.g. English, History, Philosophy, and Political Science). The American Studies minor is an excellent way for a student to add an interdisciplinary dimension to their academic experience.

Members approved.

College of Education

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, MS (462)

Program Modification: Program Requirement Change

Program Requirement Change: Degree program requirement change

The College of Education at Oklahoma State University requests the program requirement changes to align the requirements for admissions with comparable programs at OSU (e.g. M.S. in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership) and at other universities (e.g. M.Ed. in Instructional Technology and Psychology at the University of Oklahoma and M.Ed. in Instructional Media Education at the University of Central Oklahoma). We feel this alignment would help our program be even more competitive. We would replace the admission requirement for a GRE or MAT test score with a Professional Goal Statement indicating career goals and fit with our program.

Members approved.

2. **Recruiting Scholars and the Undergraduate Research Journal – Bob Graalman**

Dr. Graalman noted that needs and opportunities have developed in the Office of Scholarship Development and Recognition. Thanks to some outstanding donors there is an opportunity to recruit more top notch students to participate in the programs. The Office of Scholarship and Development is seeking help in recruiting students for the Rhodes and Marshall programs. Another change is the drop in the Truman applications for the last three years. The Udall and Goldwater applicants have exploded in the past few years. Dr. Graalman said that he would like to see these applications increase and his office is working on strategies to increase communications about these opportunities. Tim O'Neal in his office is a big help with the Freshman Research program which at one time was almost cancelled due to lack of participation. Dr. Graalman's office has created an Undergraduate Research Journal and plans to publish at least ten articles a year. Through this program students have an opportunity to receive scholarships as well as publish their first article. The Wentz research program is moving along nicely. The Scholar Development program at OSU received a gift of \$750,000 for scholarships and \$250,000 program funds. This gift will allow the office to offer the Summer Cambridge program to students tuition free for some time to come. Dr. Graalman asked members to notify him about students who might be

interested in these opportunities. His office is having a reception on Oct. 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the Willard Hall Lounge.

3. Overview of OSRHE In-State/Out-Of-State (Residency) Policy - Celeste Campbell

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has changed the name of the "Residency Policy" to "In-State/Out-Of-State Policy" along with some changes to residency classifications. The changes will be implemented at OSU the beginning in Spring 2011. Dr. Campbell noted that the university will have to fund more for tuition waivers because of the policy changes. Students of military parents who remain continuously enrolled will be classified under the in-state status even if their parents are stationed out-of-state. The Office of the Registrar has worked with Undergraduate Admissions, the Graduate College, Scholarships and Financial Aid, the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, and International Students and Scholars to make these changes as seamless as possible.

4. Replace "Electronic Email Address" With "Institutional Email Address" in Definition of OSU "Directory information" (OSU Policy 2-0701 3.02) – Celeste Campbell

Dr. Campbell is requesting approval to the changes to the definition of the OSU Directory Information to clarify current practice (releasing only institutional emails as directory information). Members approved.

5. General Education Policy and Procedure – Gail Gates

Last Spring Faculty Council approved another revision to the General Education Policy and Procedure. Originally Faculty Council wanted to add two additional nominated members to the General Education Advisory Council and now they have recommended that the college nominees be approved by the nominations committee of Faculty Council. The General Education Advisory has approved the changes. Members approved.

6. VERSANT Performance and Fee – Jeremy Penn

Dr. Penn said that he wanted to follow up regarding the VERSANT performance and is seeking feedback from the group. Jeremy noted that there are some students who didn't pass the VERSANT and are now taking GRAD 5981 this semester. Members asked Jeremy for a list of the students that failed the test. The VERSANT company will assist with a standard-setting exercise for a fee. Members agreed that this would be helpful. There are problems in that not all graduate assistants teach in a classroom and Carol Moder has discussed creating a test for lab assistants. Also students who have passed GRAD 5991 have been failing the ITA. Members noted that is because students can pass the class just by attendance. It was agreed that we should have further discussions with Carol Moder and Gene Halleck in our next meeting.

Jeremy said that OSU is getting discount from VERSANT so he is able to reduce the price of the fees but is having to increase the fee for the ITA exam due to the costs in resources and support.

7. Other

Tina Meier wanted Instruction Council to know about the D2L upgrade. It has been difficult to pick a convenient time and date for everyone. The timing has been narrowed down to a couple of days before Thanksgiving on a Tuesday or Wednesday (it is scheduled for Wednesday, November 24th). Tina will get the details and email members the dates/times. Tina will also need to know how faculty should be informed.

Dr. Gates announced that she will be returning to a faculty position and will be leaving her current position at the end of the Fall semester.

Adjourn: 10:30 a.m.