

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

MINUTES

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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

In attendance: Laurie Beets, Chad Blew, Larry Burns, Cynda Clary, Andrew Doust, Leslie Evans, Chris Francisco (Chair), Craig Freeman, Richard Frohock, Jami Fullerton, Jeff Hartman, Kelva Hunger, Diane Jones, James Knecht, Marlys Mason, Christine Ormsbee, Carisa Ramming, Jennifer Rudd, Adrienne Sanogo, Rebecca Sheehan, Candace Thrasher, Ronna Vanderslice, Ashley Varnell, and Jimmie Weaver.

Meeting was called to order 9:02am

1. Scholarship Process Updates – Chad Blew

Blew discussed how scholarships with race- and gender-based criteria are still in limbo for individuals/groups. The Foundation is in discussions with donors to amend their scholarship criteria so that scholarships can be awarded. This will likely be a long process, and Legal is working on this as well.

Blew also discussed college-based scholarships and said that next week, his office (Scholarships and Financial Aid) will send out an online link to a form to gather input on students that the colleges want to be considered for awards, but there is no guarantee that students recommended to them will be chosen.

Blew reminded the group that there are daily updated eprint reports of all the college-based scholarships that both the colleges select and that Scholarships and Financial Aid selects. This information is disseminated to the central college coordinators who are expected to send out to the various departments within the colleges. Let Blew know of any additional people you want to have access to this information, but Blew's office is not responsible for maintaining the access list. Also, let Blew know of any additional data points or changes that need to be added or made.

Blew's office will start processing Federal aid for continuing students next week, so please get college scholarships in so they do not need to go back in and revise awards. They are reassuring students that Federal aid programs will continue unless Congress acts otherwise.

Blew answered several questions during group discussion:

- Eprint reports reflect the enrolled hours for this semester. Blew will email the group about the hours that the report is reflecting, but they should be reflecting the current semester (although header is still showing fall semester).
- Do not award any DEI/DEI student group scholarships (even though they are still listed on carry forward sheets because these are endowed scholarships)
- If there are questions about the legality of scholarships, send to Legal to review
- Fraternity/Sorority scholarships are frozen

- Can award scholarships with Native American criteria if proof of actual membership in a tribe; need to solicit citizenship docs and save in a file (even if it says “preferred”)
- Have stopped scholarships based on other national origin, as advised to do so by Legal
- The amounts of scholarships being stopped due to legal concerns are being tracked and this has been discussed; however, the best solution is to change the criteria and then award the scholarships, and the Foundation is actively working to modify criteria with donors
- We are tracking how criteria are being modified
- First generation preferences are ok
- Please call with any questions you may have regarding any of this

Francisco extended a thanks to Blew and crew for all they are doing to make sure we get monies to students.

2. Curriculum

Information Items Only:

N/A

Course Action Summaries:

Spears School of Business – Attached

Doust moved to approve, and Sanogo seconded. Instruction Council members approved the Spears School of Business course action summaries.

College of Arts & Sciences – Attached

Freeman moved to approve, and Fullerton seconded. Instruction Council members approved the College of Arts and Sciences course action summaries.

Program Modifications:

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Arts Administration (536)

Program suspension

- Program suspension effective 2025-2026 and will be reinstated or deleted within two years
- Reason for requested action: There is no longer a dedicated faculty member administering the program, and the curriculum needs to be redesigned.

Sanogo moved to approve, and Frohock seconded. Instruction Council members approved the College of Arts and Sciences program suspension.

Francisco interjected that the State Regents are looking at total low-productivity numbers and are taking this more seriously. They are looking to cancel and delete programs with low productivity, and it will be more difficult to argue for exceptions in the future. However, he supports making arguments to State Regents with additional data provided by IRA, as Burns discussed how the Regents only get primary and declared majors data. Thrasher answered questions about what the State Regents look at (option deletion

and program suspension) vs what is determined internally through Instruction Council (option suspension). She also answered questions about adjusting modality and said that if you are adjusting modality, unless you are adding online degree delivery for the program, then there is no approval needed beyond the colleges and this does not need to be approved by Instruction Council.

College of Education and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Administration and Operations (247)

Bachelor of Science in Applied Exercise Science (514)

Bachelor of Science in Apparel Design and Technology (339)

Bachelor of Science in Early Child Care and Development (537)

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (074)

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science (094)

Bachelor of Science in Interior Design (342)

Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences (097)

Course requirement change

- Remove EDHS 1111
- Add EDHS 3111
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: College determined that 3111 was a more appropriate course number for the content covered in the course.

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education (182)

Option addition

- Add option in English – Alternative Education
- Delivery Method: Degree program is approved for online delivery
- Total credit hours: 120
- Reason for requested action: To provide an alternative pathway for state certification that offers support and preparation to students interested in a future teaching position.

Doust moved to approve, and Mason seconded. Instruction Council members approved the College of Education and Human Sciences program modifications.

College of Professional Studies

Organizational Leadership, BPS (315)

Course requirement change

- Add ORGL 3113, ORGL 3613, ORGL 4513, and PHIL 3803
- Remove MGMT 3013, MGMT 4073, BADM 3113, and MGMT 4713
- Move ENGL 3323 and SPCH 3723 from major concentration to a list of options students select 6 hours from
- Reduce electives from 17 to 16 hours
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: Update major requirements to incorporate new CPS prefix courses.

Sanogo moved to approve, and Doust seconded. Instruction Council members approved the College of Professional Studies program modification.

Joint Programs

Master of Science in Data Science

New program request

- Options in Computer Science, Mathematics/Statistics, and Engineering
- Delivery Method: Online and Traditional
- Total credit hours: 33
- Reason for requested action: To train the next generation of workers for jobs that are heavily data-driven. This program provides a core foundation in statistics, mathematics, and computer science, along with deep knowledge of how to develop and apply data science to solve problems in industrial engineering.
- *Pending approval by Graduate Council*

This received approval from Grad Council last Friday. Sheehan moved to approve, and Doust seconded. Instruction Council members approved the Joint Programs new program request. This will be presented to the Deans next week with the plan to get to the Board later this month.

3. Other

Francisco asked the Instruction Council members to please look at the microcredential from Hargis/Career Services and send him an email by close of business tomorrow with any concerns you may have. There are students interested in this, and there is scholarship money available for it. An email vote is needed to keep this moving forward if Instruction Council members support this.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42am

Minutes were recorded by Ashley Varnell