

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
May 3, 2006
Donnelly Library, 327

Jill baker moved to approve agenda.

Agenda was approved.

The Undergraduate sub-committee – was asked to meet afterwards
The Graduate sub-committee also called for meeting

Old business:

1. Freshman Seminar

Concern was expressed about the program not being an academic program and not under faculty oversight.

Dr. Mishler moved that we form a subcommittee to work with VP on supervising Fresh. Experience program for Fall.

Dr. Baker seconded.

No volunteers were forthcoming

VP Gomez offered to meet with Jill Baskerville and get back to us.

Dean Mendez suggested a written statement was in order. (faculty teaching/ faculty oversight/ academic content for credit).

Dr. Newman mentioned that Merryl Kravitz was originally involved, and that perhaps she should be consulted.

The motion to form a subcommittee failed.

2. No new developments on pilot issue

3. Bach. Of Forensic science

Dr. Mishler moved approval
Dr. Houtchens Seconded motion

Dr. Sabutis asked about upper division credits and whether there were enough in the major.

Dr. Mishler responded that upper division courses did not have to be just from the major.

There are 44 upper division credits in the Forensic Science major.

Dr. Sabutis noted that regents may not allow new programs to go forward if they are approved before their end of the year retreat.

11 in favor

0 opposed

1 abstention

The motion passed

4. BUS degree

Dr. Sammeth read memo from Rolando Rael

Dr. Young moved approval

Dr. Tahani seconded

John Coca – asked about whether there was catalog language for the program and who would write it, if there were not?

Dr. Sammeth noted that some things were not spelled out in memo – for example, how would faculty be chosen?

It was suggested that the committee could request that someone be appointed to put the program together (1/4 time release?)

Dean Mendez requested that the committee request a well defined final proposal to be approved by Acad. Affairs.

Dr. Stauffer made a motion to table previous motion

Dr. Sabutis seconded

The motion to table passed

5. Graduating class

Dr. Sabutis moved to approve graduating class

Dr. Newman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

New business:

1. Non-thesis option for SOE EDLD, SPED, C & I

Associate dean of education, Jim Abreu, presented information:

Ed. Leadership can do a field project, or thesis, or portfolio, or, under this proposal, they can do a non-thesis option and take a comprehensive exam and 1 or 2 extra classes to make up for thesis.

Dr.. Montague moved approval

Dr. Mishler seconded

The following issues were discussed:

Terminology – there is no exam for the field project or thesis option.

Perhaps this could be called a Competency based option, a testing option, or a Comprehensive Exam Option.

Procedure: Students take an 8 hour written exam, made up of questions from the chair, an inside member, and an outside member. This is followed by an oral exam.

Students can re-take the written exam once, the following semester. Do they have to sign up for another credit? Ind. Study with chair?

Is this the best way to educate future educators?

If you do a proper oral examination – they have to show a mastery of the field.

How is quality control maintained?

Could the grading process and who grades be put in writing?

Amended to comprehensive exam option.

Dr. Sabutis amended his motion to ask for a report in one year and to change terminology, in particular the grading.

11 approved

no opposed

no abstentions

The amended motion passed unanimously.

2. Course evaluations

Motion to go to meeting of whole

Motion passed