



Academic Affairs Committee

Decision Log, Academic Year 2020-2021

Excludes motions to approve agenda and minutes and adjournment.

08/19/2020

- MOTION to proceed with voting by consent only for the duration of time that Academic Affairs Committee meetings are held via Zoom only. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to approve Angela Meron as Chair of Undergraduate Appeals Subcommittee. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to approve Peter Buchanan as Chair of the Ballen Scholar Subcommittee. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to allow Ann Wolf to complete the University Studies program review. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to form an ad hoc committee for a Covid-19 academic policy review. Seconded. Approved by consensus.

09/02/2020

- [No motions.]

09/16/2020

- MOTION to postpone Health and HPS program reviews until spring 2021. Seconded. Motion approved by consensus.
- MOTION to postpone this program review. Seconded. Approved by consensus. [Program review – University Studies]
- MOTION to postpone these two program reviews to spring 2021. Seconded. Motion approved by consensus. [Program reviews - Math/Computer Science for Secondary School Teachers, General Science for Secondary Teachers]
- MOTION to create an ad hoc subcommittee to quickly review the calendar and bring their findings to the AAC. Seconded. Approved by consensus.

- MOTION to approve the proposal. Seconded. 12ayes, 1 nay, 5 abstentions. Motion passes.
[School of Business –Certificate in Emerging Business Markets Entrepreneurship]
- MOTION that the department includes a discussion about where these courses fit into the overall curriculum. Seconded. Moving member amended. MOTION to include letters of support from the impacted departments. Seconding member agreed to amended motion. Motion approved by consensus.
[Chemistry Department – New course, Survey of Organic Chemistry and Laboratory; New course, 1-term General Chemistry Survey]

10/07/2020

- MOTION to recommend approval of the Academic Calendar. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to include further marketing discussion with Provost Gonzales on the agenda for the next meeting. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to suspend the program review until a decision is made by the program and administration about the future of the program. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Program Review – General Engineering]
- MOTION for the program review for the department of Teachers Education to include all its majors and minors. Seconded. After discussion, MOTION withdrawn by motioning member.
- MOTION to let the department bring forward a proposal to decide how these program reviews will be organized. The proposal will include a vote by faculty in the department. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Education reorganization of Program Reviews]
- MOTION to postpone the program review until Spring 2021. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Program Review – Special Education]
- MOTION to postpone the program review until Fall 2021. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Program Review – Curriculum & Instruction -Bilingual Education/TESOL/ Reading Education/Advance Program/Secondary Education]
- MOTION to table item 12. Seconded. Approved by consensus.

[Chemistry Department –New course, Survey of Organic Chemistry and Laboratory; New course, 1-term General Chemistry Survey]

10/21/2020

- MOTION to approve one program review for the Department of Teacher Education that will address each major and minor. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to approve with change. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Geology Department – New course, Introduction to Geospatial Technology, change: 1-1 to 1-2]
- MOTION to approve the new program in Wildlife Biology Conservation. Seconded. Point of order from Chair. This item needs to be changed to an action item first. Motion revoked.
- MOTION to make the new program proposal in Wildlife Biology Conservation an action item. Seconded. 15 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention. Motion passes.
- MOTION to approve only the Wildlife Biology Conservation program. Seconded. MOTION amended by motioning member to include change in the course title. Seconding member agreed. Approved by consensus.
[Biology Department – New program, BS in Wildlife Biology Conservation; Program Revision, Biology BS and BA; Course Revision, BIOL 385]
- MOTION to table the rest of the discussion. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Biology Department – New program, BS in Wildlife Biology Conservation; Program Revision, Biology BS and BA; Course Revision, BIOL 385]

11/04/2020

- MOTION that the creation of the course and the program revision be action items at the next meeting. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Biology Department – Program revision, Biology BS and BA; New course, Introduction to Biochemistry (BIOL 2130)]
- MOTION to make this an action item at the next meeting with discussion of whether this aligns or is a unique course. Seconded. 14 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstention. Motion passes.
[Chemistry Department – New course, Survey of Organic Chemistry and Laboratory (CHEM 2115C); New course, 1-term General Chemistry Survey (CHEM 1XXX)]

- MOTION that the minutes clarify which disciplines this affects. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Senate Charge – Upper division courses counting as general education]
- MOTION to make this an action item. Seconded. Motion approved by consensus.
[School of Education – New course, Composition in School Context (GNED 4XXX/5XXX); New Course, Formal and Informal Spanish (GNED 4XXX/5XXX); New course, Reading in School Contents (GNED 4XXX/5XXX); New course, Spelling and Accentuation (GNED 4XXX/5XXX)]
- MOTION to approve proposals. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Education – New course, Composition in School Context (GNED 4XXX/5XXX); New Course, Formal and Informal Spanish (GNED 4XXX/5XXX); New course, Reading in School Contents (GNED 4XXX/5XXX); New course, Spelling and Accentuation (GNED 4XXX/5XXX)]
- MOTION to put these course proposals together with the revision of the wildlife conservation degree. MOTION withdrawn by mover.
[Biology Department – New course, Herpetology (BIOL 4110/5110); New course, Mammalogy (BIOL 4130/5130)]
- MOTION to table item number 19. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Marketing Academic Programs]

11/18/2020

- MOTION to postpone this program review until Fall 2021. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Education – Department of Teacher Education]
- MOTION to approve the program revision and new course proposal. Seconded. 11 ayes, 1 nay, 2 abstentions. Motion passes.
[Biology Department – Program revision, Biology BS and BA; New course, Introduction to Biochemistry (BIOL 2130)]
- MOTION to approve course. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Chemistry Department –New course, 1-term General Chemistry Survey (CHEM 1XXX)]
- MOTION to approve the proposals. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Sociology Department – Course revision, Reproductive Justice (CJUS/GNDR/SOCI 4180); New course, Visual Sociology (SOCI/ANTH/GNDR 4XXX/5XXX); Course revision, Women and Globalization (SOCI/ANTH 4/5540)]

- MOTION to approve the proposals. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Biology Department – New course, Herpetology (BIOL 4110/5110); New course, Mammalogy (BIOL 4130/5130)]
- MOTION to approve the proposal. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[English Department – Program revision, English MA]

12/02/2020

- [No motions]

01/20/2021

- MOTION to set up the Policy Subcommittee. Seconded. Comment from a committee member that they want limits on what the subcommittee will address. Chair stated that they would only discuss the issues brought forward in this discussion. Moving member amended motion to include this provision. Seconding member agreed. MOTION approved by consensus.

02/03/2021

- MOTION that the proposal be sent to the Faculty Senate. Seconded. Request from a committee member that language be added that stresses that the AAC considers this is an important issue and to explain to the Faculty Senate why this issue came up. AAC Chair stated that she will send the proposal to the AAC for review. Motioning member amended MOTION to include proposed clarification. Seconding member agreed. MOTION approved by consensus.
[Marketing Needs and Proposal]

02/17/2021

- MOTION to approve the program revision. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Biology Department – Program Revision, BS Wildlife Biology and Conservation]
- MOTION to approve the new course. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Mathematics & CS Department - New course, Survey of Mathematics (MATH 1XXX)]
- MOTION that the Chair should re-draft the proposal with recommendations from AAC and bring it back to the committee for discussion and possible vote at the next meeting. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Senate Charge – Posthumous Degree Policy]

03/03/2021

- MOTION to accept the auditing policy recommendation. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to postpone the review. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Mathematics, BA, BS, Minor]
- MOTION that the revised posthumous policy be approved, provided that the discussed changes are made and that the AAC Chair sends out the final wording via email before sending it to the Faculty Senate. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Education, Counseling – Program Name Change Request]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Languages and Culture – Language Proficiency Policy Modification]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice - New Course, Gender and Crime (SOC/CJUS/GNDR 3XXX)]
- MOTION to approve with the understanding that the program will update the syllabi with traits and will provide a new proposal cover sheet form to show the vote of the new proposal. Seconded. 13 ayes, 1 nay, 2 abstentions. Motion passes.
[School of Business – New Program, BAS in General Business; New Course, Communication Strategies for Leaders (BMIS 3XXX); New Course, Business Analytics in Decision Making (BMIS 4XXX); New Course, Budget Management for Leaders (BUSA 3XXX); New Course, Leadership Ethics (BUSA 3XXX); New Course, Seminar in Leadership (MGMT 4XXX); New Course, Strategic Thinking for Decision Making (MGMT 4XXX)]

04/07/2021

- MOTION to approve the recommendation. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Course reactivation policy recommendation]
- MOTION to elect Ms. Gray as Secretary for Academic Year 2021-2022. Seconded. Approved by consensus.

- MOTION to elect Dr. Gadsden as Chair for Academic Year 2021-2022. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Business, new programs and courses]
- MOTION to approve the new course. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Forestry - New Course, Wildfire Fuels and Modeling (FORS 4XXX)]
- MOTION to approve the program revision. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Forestry – Program Revision, BS Forestry, Wildland Fire]
- MOTION to change to an action item. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Forestry - New Course, Range Science (FORS 3XXX)]
- MOTION to approve the course provided that the Chair and Secretary verify receipt of changes to catalog language. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Forestry - New Course, Range Science (FORS 3XXX)]
- MOTION to table the remainder of the agenda. Seconded. Approved by consensus.

04/21/2021

- MOTION to leave this as discussion until next meeting. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Nursing Program – New Program, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) & Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), new courses]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Nursing Program – Memo on nursing course letters]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Business – New Program, MBA Concentration in General Business]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Biology Department - Course Revision, General Biology (BIOL 1110); Course Revision, Ecology & Evolution (BIOL 2620); Course Revision, Genetics (BIOL 3000); Course Revision, Plant Structure & Function (BIOL 3030); Course Revision, Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 3310); Course Revision, Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 3320)]

- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Exercise & Sports Sciences Department – Program revision, BA in Health]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Education – Program revision, MA in Curriculum & Instruction, Alternative Teaching Certificate Program]
- MOTION to approve course revisions. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Chemistry Department – Course revision, Adv Synthesis and Instrumental Analysis (CHEM 4190/5190); Course revision, Advanced Analytical Chemistry (CHEM 6210)]
- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[History Department – New course, The Crusades (HIST 4/5000)]
- MOTION to table this item. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Languages and Culture – Proposal to add NAHS 1110 (Introduction to Native American/Hispano Cultural Studies) to NMHU Core]

05/05/2020

- MOTION to approve. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Nursing Program – New Program, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) & Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and new courses]
- MOTION to table item. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[Department of Languages and Culture – Proposal to add NAHS 1110 (Introduction to Native American/Hispano Cultural Studies) to NMHU Core]
- MOTION to approve program revision. Seconded. Approved by consensus.
[School of Business – Program Revision, MBA]
- MOTION to approve the graduation list and give the Registrar leeway to include students who have cleared after this vote. Seconded. Approved by consensus.