

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Undergraduate Education
DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, January 25, 2018
10:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, 4th Floor Administration Building

Attending: Marcos Caballero, Andrew Corner, Andrew Finley, Kathy Forrest, John Gaboury, Louise Jezierski, Anna Krupka, Mark Largent, Sheng-Mei Ma, Richard Miksicek, Matt Pontifex, Luis Rolland, Steve Shablin, Jiahao She, Emily Tabuteau, Antoinette Tessmer, Janette Vani, Elizabeth Webster

Absent: R. Ewurama Appiagyei-Dankah, Rich Bellon, Joanna Bosse, Giles Brereton, Sekhar Chivukula, Jan Eberle, Robert Richardson, Katherine Ruger

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved for January 11, 2018.

Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson Miksicek referenced the resignation of President Lou Anna Simon and the hope that the Board of Trustees will move swiftly to appoint an Acting President. Chairperson Miksicek stated that the University Steering Committee approved the use of mid-semester feedback. This recommendation was forwarded to the Faculty Senate then to University Council. Academic Governance is encouraging the adoption of mid-semester feedback.

Comments from the Associate Provost for Academic Services & Enrollment Management

Associate Provost Gaboury talked about the implications for the University upon President Simon's resignation. He stressed the continued concern for the sexual assault victims of Larry Nassar and reiterated MSU's strong commitment for transparency. Associate Provost Gaboury stated that the future of MSU will include a reaffirmation of values that we believe are core to MSU.

Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Applied Plant Science (Action Item)

Marcus Duck, Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Marcus Duck.

Mr. Duck stated that the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Applied Plant Science has been replaced by two new programs. The new programs have improved the rigor of the program and the courses offered will better prepare the students desiring to work in the industry.

Voice was removed from Marcus Duck.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Applied Plant Science.

Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Landscape and Lawn Management (Action Item)

Marcus Duck, Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Marcus Duck.

Mr. Duck stated that this certificate program has been discontinued due to the fact that Grand Rapids Community College terminated the partnership with MSU. The Department tried to maintain the partnership; however, it was not successful. This certificate was replaced by a certificate in landscape management.

Voice was removed from Marcus Duck.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Landscape and Lawn Management.

Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Grounds Management (Action Item)

Marcus Duck, Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Marcus Duck.

Mr. Duck stated that the Certificate in Grounds Management was supposed to be an agreement with Wayne County Community College however the program was never offered. The Certificate in Grounds Management was shown in error as an available program.

Voice was removed from Mr. Duck.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Grounds Management.

Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Beef Cattle Management (Action Item)

Marcus Duck, Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Mr. Duck.

Mr. Duck stated that a new program, Livestock Management, will replace the certificate in Beef Cattle Management. A Livestock Management program will cover a broader range of animals.

Voice was removed from Mr. Duck.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Beef Cattle Management.

Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Swine Management (Action Item)

Marcus Duck, Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Mr. Duck.

Mr. Duck stated that a new program, Livestock Management, will replace the certificate in Swine Management. A Livestock Management program will cover a broader range of animals.

Voice was removed from Mr. Duck.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agricultural Technology Certificate in Swine Management.

Request for a New Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management and Master of Science Degree in Construction Management (Action Item)

George Berghorn, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Dr. Berghorn.

Dr. Berghorn provided background on the Request stating that the construction industry is in a state of transition and noted that as the industry is evolving, employers are looking for new skill sets. Employers are looking for graduates who can demonstrate the integration of technology, sustainability, and who can practice waste reducing procedures.

It was determined that a linked program would be an advantageous way for students to continue in the program and be able to stay at MSU. Data shows that MA degree graduates are hired at higher starting salaries opposed to graduates in the same field with a BA. Also, MA graduates are able to move into higher-level managerial positions quicker.

Discussion continued about the format of this linked program following a similar format of other linked programs on campus.

Concerns were discussed included the following: what impact a linked program has on tuition, at what stage is the student charged the graduate tuition rate opposed to the undergraduate tuition rate, are there situations in the 5th year where a student could be taking courses at the 400 level?

Dr. Berghorn stated the program is structured on a semester by semester basis and therefore semesters nine and ten are looked at as the MA portion. Students normally complete the BA portion in either semester seven or eight. In the fifth year, students would be paying graduate tuition rates and coded as graduate students.

Dr. Berghorn stated that the current plan does not have any specified 400 level courses. It is possible for a student to take a 400 level course in semesters nine or ten. The MA guideline does allow students to take a certain number of 400 level courses that can be counted back toward the MA program. UCUE members stated that it is University policy that once a student has their BA, they are charged graduate level rates.

Member Tabuteau noted that the language within the course form describing the GPA requirement for admission to the program contradicted the proposed catalog language. Dr. Berghorn responded that the intent is for the admission requirement to be either a cumulative MSU GPA of 3.5 or higher, or a minimum GPA of 3.5 in all required construction management courses when students are considered for admission.

Voice was removed from Dr. Berghorn.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for a New Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management and Master of Science Degree in Construction Management. A friendly amendment was added to make sure that there is consistency between the catalog language and the admission requirements specified in the program request form.

Request for a New Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and Master of Science Degree in Accounting (Action Item)

Shannon Mulally, Director, MS Accounting Program, Eli Broad College of Business

The committee granted voice to Shannon Mulally.

Ms. Mulally stated that the reason for the linked program is to give students interested in earning a MS degree in accounting the opportunity to take up to nine credits at the graduate student level, thereby saving students tuition. Ms. Mulally stated that out of 242 seniors in the BA Accounting program, 94 have enrolled in the MA program. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification across all 50 states requires that you have taken 150 credits. A graduating BA Accounting student would technically have 129 credits with 9 of those credits at the undergraduate rate and the additional 21 credits would be charged at the graduate rate. Students are admitted three times per year.

Voice was removed from Shannon Mulally.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for a New Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and Master of Science Degree in Accounting.

Request to Change the Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hospitality Business (Action Item)

Carl Borchgrevink, Interim Director, School of Hospitality Business, Eli Broad College of Business

The committee granted voice to Dr. Borchgrevink.

Dr. Borchgrevink stated the reason for this request is to align the admission process for the BA in Hospitality Business. A sophomore level admission is being proposed. Discussion included minimum criteria for the program, which is, completion of 28 credits, completion of the following core courses: Computer Science and Engineering 101, Statistics 200 or 201, Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures 101 or other University Tier 1 course that fulfills the University Writing requirement.

Discussion included details about the non-credit 400 hour paid internship.

Voice was removed from Dr. Borchgrevink.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Change the Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hospitality Business.

Roundtable

There were no Roundtable items.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Frechen.