Undergraduate Programs Committee

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MINUTES

In Attendance: Cliff Brown, Chair (Anthropology); Kathryn Johnston (Theatre & Dance); Tim Lenz (Political Science); Amy Broderick (VAAH); Eric Hanne (History); Linda K. Johnson (Dean’s Office); Sika Dagbovie-Mullins (English); Myriam Ruthenberg (LLCL); Mark Harvey (Sociology); Laura Joelle (Music); Graciela Cruz-Taura (WGSS); Brad Lewter (Communications); Simon Glynn (Philosophy)

Friday, February 6, 2015

1. Meeting called to Order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of 11.21.14 and 1.21.15 (Electronic) APPROVED
3. New Business
   1. Music Programmatic Change/New Course/Course Changes to update and streamline Vocal Music Performance curriculum. Adjustments do not increase credits to degree.  
      APPROVED on condition of changes made to meet Provost guidelines for syllabi.
      1. Program Change: BM in Vocal Music Performance
      2. New Course: MUS 3XXX Diction for Singers 3: French
      3. Course Change: MUL 4643 Survey of Choral Music Literature
      4. Course Change: MUS 2201 Diction for Singers 1
      5. Course Change: MUS 2202 Diction for Singers 2
   2. VAAH: Programmatic Change to reflect Digital Photography—new faculty member, so changes were in order. More specific and detailed set of classes APPROVED
      1. Program Changes: Art Photography
      2. Course Change: PGY 2800 Digital Photography 1
      3. Course Change: PGY 4822 Digital Photography 2
      4. Course Change: PGY 4420 Advanced Photography
      5. Course Change: PGY 4440 Topics-Photography
      6. New Course: PGY 3406 Black and White Photography
      7. Termination: PGY 2401 Photography 1
      8. Termination: PGY 4410 Photography 2
   3. Sociology: New Course Proposal

APPROVED; reminded to submit supporting memos from affected units.

* + 1. New Course Proposal: SOC 4464 Climate, Disaster, & Society

1. Other business
   1. UUPC report: Discussion/Vote on Changing W Date.

--Changing W date: It was the sense of the UUPC that final W date should be moved to the last day of classes.  
Ed Pratt, Dean of UG Studies informed UUPC that the UGPC voted for the change of the W date to the thirteenth week of classes. The matter is currently headed toward “conference” committee to address discrepancies.  
A & L Discussion:

Some on committee felt both the move of the W date to the end of term and the process by which it was addressed as “offensive” and counter-productive. The process of Faculty Governance (Department/College/University/UFS committees) not followed. Discussion of need for extending W date (e.g., students not receiving sufficient assessment by existing W date) and repercussions of extending W date (e.g., student could conceivably wait until last day of class to Withdraw if they’re not pleased with their current grade). *No formal resolution put forward by UPC committee*-- Admissions—Change in process of assessing applicants GPAs; renewed focus on “unweighted” GPAs.

--Discussion of lowering DWF rates—providing additional support. SI (Supplemental Instruction)

* 1. All College Proposals put before UUPC at last meeting passed.
  2. Reminder to Departments with Programmatic Changes to make sure that someone from the Department attends the UFS Steering Committee meeting to address any questions that arise. If there is no Department representative there, the Steerring Committee will table motion. Department should also be represented at UUPC meeting (prior to it going to UFS Steering Committee meeting) Problem raised regarding knowing when Steering Committee Meets.

1. Adjournment 2:57.