

Date Approved: December 5, 2023

Present: Barbara Glackin, Alberto Dávila, Sandy Hinkle, Michelle Brune (proxy Rhonda Weller-Stilson), Jenna Lee Moore, Sarah Shaner, Eric Bain-Selbo, Tammy Randolph, Mike Godard, Christopher Baldwin, Shawn Guiling, Doug Koch, Buddy Alberson (proxy Joe Pujol), Chris Haug, Spencer Wareing, Pamela Gershuny (proxy Frederick Adjei)

Absent: Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Joe Pujol, Leah McAlister

Guests: none

A. MINUTES:

Motion by Glackin, second by Randolph, to approve the distributed minutes from October 3, 2023 University Academic Council Meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

New Programs: none

Addition of Minors: none

Other: none

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Holland College of Arts and Media
 - a. Dobbins Conservatory of Theatre and Dance
 - i. Program Change: [BA in Theatre](#)
 - Minimal Course Changes
2. College of Education, Health, and Human Studies
 - a. Allied Health, Kinesiology, and Sport Sciences
 - i. Program Change: [BS in Public Health](#)
 - Minimal Course Changes
3. College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - a. Engineering & Technology
 - i. Program Change: [BAS in Applied Technology](#)
 - New Advising Track
4. [Proposed New Courses, Significant Course Revisions and Course Terminations](#): (proposed courses are currently submitted for 10-day review, will be submitted for 10-day review as of program approval, or were reviewed since the last Academic Council)
 - a. College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - i. Biology

- BI320 Intro to Public Health – Course Termination
 - b. College of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - i. History and Anthropology
 - UI399 North American Indians – Course Termination
 - AN399 Indigenous Peoples of North America – New Course
- D. Discussion Items:
1. Duplication and redundancy in courses – Progress Update
 - a. Shared update of submissions to course overlap form (handout)
 - b. These should be shared with the chairs
 - c. Please communicate with faculty the benefits of reducing overlap
 - d. Think of whether a transfer credit for a generalized course would be accepted as a substitution for a specialized course in a discipline. Example, Statistics.
 - e. Sandy will see if there is a way to pull data on Statistics substitutions for the last 5-10 years.
 2. General Education course options reduction – Criteria and Aims
 - a. Gen Ed Council met last week
 - i. Identifying “low hanging fruit” courses for removal from General Education
 - Not offered regularly
 - Obvious duplications
 - Whether the outcomes align with Gen Ed
 - How many sections offered per term
 - Enrollments
 - Alignment with CORE 42 outcomes
 - # of Gen Ed options per discipline
 - ii. Gen Ed Council will be returning to the departments their suggestions for removal and opportunity for discussion to identify redundancies
 - Gen Ed Council members and Doug will be reaching out

Meeting adjourned.