UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes for December 3, 2008

Members Present:   David Mastin, Jeanette Clausen, Joe Felan, Jay Sims, Mike Tramel, Carol Machaek, Vinay Pate, Jay Jensen, Allison Clark, Jami Hollingsworth, Regina Carter, LaVerne Bell-Tolliver, Haiyan Xie

Members Absent:   Christy Jackson, Sonny Rhodes, John Hall

Ex-Officio Members Present:   Thea Hoeft, Susan Hoffpauir, Regina Carter

Ex-Officio Members Absent:   Barbara Alston, Kathy Oliverio, Pattie McCord

Guests:   Richard Hanson, Chemistry, Marcus Seigar, Physics and Astronomy, Paul Bennett, Provost Office, for Barbara Alston

I. Welcome/Announcements

Jeanette Clausen announced that there would be a meeting next week, December 10th, 2008.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion made/seconded/ that the minutes be approved.  Motion passed.  Minutes approved.

III. Unfinished Business

UALR Office of Community Engagement

1, 09-6044 Add undergraduate UALR Service-Learning Scholars Certificate Program

Item being pulled to make further changes to the program  
Item Tabled

IV. New Business

CAHSS

History

1, 09-6053 Add HIST 4308, The Historian's Craft

Council asked that a representative from the History Department be present at the next meeting to answer questions  
Tabled
CSAM

Chemistry
1. 09-6045 Change minimum score on placement exam to enroll in CHEM 1402
2. 09-6051 Make Math 1451, Calculus I, a prerequisite for CHEM 3572
3. 09-6052 Change description for CHEM 1300, Preparation for General Chemistry

Motion made/seconded for first reading/discussion of items 09-6045, 09-6051 and 09-6052
Dr. Richard Hanson explained the changes and answered questions from the council.
Tabled

Physics and Astronomy
1. 09-6048 Add ASTR 2301, Intermediate Astronomy

Motion made/seconded for first reading/discussion of item 09-6048
Marcus Seigar explained the course addition and answered questions from the council
Tabled

Biology
1. 09-6049 Change prerequisite for BIOL 4422/5422, Mammalian Physiology

Motion made/seconded for first reading/discussion
Council requested that a representative from the Biology Department attend the next meeting to answer questions
Tabled

V. Other
1. UALR Minor Requirement

Jeanette Clausen noted that this item was discussed at the first or second Faculty Senate Meeting, and was moved that the Undergraduate Council should review the importance or necessity of the minor requirement and make a recommendation as to whether it should be continued. She asked about finding out how many programs already don't require a minor.

Susan Hoffpauir stated that there are two categories of programs: 1) you can have a design where you have a major and a minor or 2) a program can be a major/minor. If a program has a certain number of hours in the major, a minor is not required. The programs that don't have minors are programs that have met that threshold in hours to not require a minor. She added that the chancellor has a pilot program going on where certain programs, Construction Management, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Biology, History, have been granted special "powers" when it comes to transfer students. One of those special powers is that if they can waive the minor for a student if they transfer in more than a certain number of hours. Susan Hoffpauir added that she thought it might be a good idea for the Undergraduate Council representatives meet with their college curriculum committees and discuss the issue since the issue is different in every college.
Jeanette Clausen read the list of programs that do not require a minor: all business degrees, Early Childhood Education, Middle Childhood Education, Studio Art with concentrations of Fine Arts or Applied Design, Theatre Arts, Liberal Arts, Philosophy, with concentration in Legal and Moral Studies, Biology with concentration of Fisheries and Wildlife Management or Molecular Biotechnology, Construction Management, Information Sciences, and Systems Engineering.

It was noted that in the Undergraduate Catalog under Degree Requirements, it says:

......A major and a minor, a combined major-minor, a double major or a program not offered at UALR

It was decided that the council members would meet with their college curriculum committee to discuss this item and report back to the council in February, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

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