

Academic Council Minutes

February 20, 2020, Thursday

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2:00 - 3:30 pm

Approval of Minutes. October minutes were sent in error, correct email distribution of December 6, 2019 minutes created by Elizabeth Beavers in Charise Armstrong's December absence followed the meeting.

Action

1. **Grievance Policy** - Passed Faculty Senate 2-5-20. Minor edits were made subsequent to the version that had already passed. Edits included assurance in distribution of workload, such that those serving on a grievance panel will not be selected to serve on another panel at the same time. In addition, the policy edits made sure there were enough full professors available from the colleges while increasing the pool to 10.

A motion was made to approve by Miguel Gonzalez, seconded by Elizabeth Beavers. **The policy was unanimously approved. Item will move forward to University Council.**

2. **PsyD Change in Admissions** - Approved Faculty Senate 2-5-20. This is an admission change that will increase enrollment and allow students who don't hold a master's degree to switch to the program but will require them to complete more hours than those that do hold a master's degree. In addition, a statement was added under the degree requirements above the foundational knowledge page stating that they must request a waiver for credits toward the candidate plan of study of up to 27 hours of graduate credit. This will permit them to bring up to 27 hours from their existing master's degree into this program, provided it is approved. A typo was pointed out on the third page under degree requirements; total number of hours required shows 74 but should show 108 –correction applies to document only, not a curriculum change.

A motion was made to approve by Heather Kanenberg, seconded by Mike McMullen. **The item was unanimously approved. Item will move forward to University Council.**

3. **Minor in Statistics v6** - Approved Faculty Senate 2-5-20. Item regards creation of minor. Initially, there were many questions raised concerning the multiple courses and prerequisites dependent on the degree program of the student.

A motion was made to approve by Elizabeth Beavers, seconded by Jeff Mountain. **The item was unanimously approved. Item will move forward to University Council.**

Discussion Topics:

1. **Double Degree.** Item was presented at the December University Council meeting and was tabled. Chris Ward raised a concern with double degree and question on source of 150 credits. To explain, Tim Richardson presented an overhead of THECB document explaining degree requirements. He explained that like many institutions, the number was a result of combining the 120 hours plus the 30 semester credit hours (max, minimum 24) for most majors. This will allow students to pursue two different bachelor's degrees (BA and BS). Demand is not currently high but as example, could be advantageous for students, seeking professional school entrance or advanced graduate work. **No changes made, item topic of discussion and clarity only. Item will move back to University Council as written for vote.**

Items to University Council:

1. Grievance Policy
2. PsyD Change in Admissions
3. Minor in Statistics

The meeting was adjourned.
Charise Armstrong

Next meeting March 19, 2020.