Educational Policies Committee
Minutes of September 25, 2014


Excused:  J. Baldwin

1. Approval of minutes
Minutes from April 10, 2014 occurred electronically.  No minutes were submitted for approval at this meeting.

2. Old Business
Matt Kropf was welcomed as the new chair of EPC
Tammy Haley assumed the role of Secretary of EPC for the 2014-2015 academic year.

3. New Business

- Elimination of MATH 0135 as a requirement for the BS in Computer Information Systems and Technology degree
- Increase of required electives from 9cr to 12 cr

With recent reductions in the availability of the MATH 0135: Discrete Math course and the review of comparable IT curricula at comparison institutions, the change reflects current practice. The change in elective requirements will offset the reduction of credit hours created with the removal of the MATH 0135 requirement. When offered, MATH 0135 may be used as an elective course within the CIS & T curricula.

Motion to approve__X__ or table _____ made by K.Leck; seconded by M. Frank
Approved by all

- Replacement of MATH 0135 with MATH 098/MATH 0110 in the ASIS curricula

With recent reductions in the availability of the required MATH 0135 course MATH 098/MATH 0110 was proposed as a suitable replacement and will be added as a requirement in the ASIS curricula

Motion to approve__X__ or table _____ made by M. Frank; seconded by D. Dombek
Approved by all
• New Course Proposal – PSY 02XX Professional Seminar in Psychology

K. Leck described the new course proposed by G. Page. She explained this course was designed for those interested in PSY to explore professional opportunities in psychology and related fields at the undergraduate and graduate level. G. Tessmer made the suggestion that the word “tips” used in the course description be changed to the word “information” to more broadly describe the material presented. The course is proposed as a required course in the Psychology Major.

Motion to approve X or table ______ made by G. Tessmer; seconded by M. Frank

Approved by all

New Course number PSY0207

• Changes to the Psychology Major

A total of seven (7) changes were proposed for the PSY Major including:

- The discontinuation of the current Cognate Headings (Cognitive-Developmental, Applied Social Psychology, and Counseling Psychology)
- Elimination of the content area requirement (two courses from each of the three content areas proposed for elimination)
- Creation of two foci (Experimental and Applied)
- Requirement of six credits minimum selected from each focus area for a total of five required courses across the two areas of focus
- The addition of PSY 0202, PSY 0203, PSY 0204, PSY 0206 (formerly listed among the potential cognate selections) as required courses in the PSY major along with the newly created PSY 0207.
- The removal of BIOL 0101, BIOL 0102, BIOL 0212, BIOL 0213, and MATH 0098 as requirements for the PSY major
- The requirement of a C- or better for all psychology classes in the major

K. Leck discussed that these proposed changes would allow flexibility within the student schedule, removing a prescripted course of study in Biology while maintaining a Biology requirement as part of the General Education curricular requirements. This proposed change was determined to be in line with other IIB peer institutions upon critical comparison of the Major requirements. In addition, restructuring the required offerings to best reflect current best practices in the discipline as put forth in the APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major: Version 2.0. and current professional practice (experimental vs. applied) while exposing the majors to core disciplines of the profession through the addition of the PSY course requirements as outlined. Lastly, the change in grade requirements will serve to increase the rigor of the PSY curriculum as outlined.

Motion to approve X or table ______ made by D. Dombek; seconded by G. Tessmer

Approved by all

• Changes to the PSY Counseling Minor

This proposal requested the removal of SOC 1301: The Family as a required course. In addition, a selection of courses were proposed to be added to the minor to allow students a choice of three credits applied toward the minor. The selected courses include: PSY 1303: Psychological Assessment, PSY
Changes to the PSY Minor

This proposal included the removal of PSY 0201: Statistics and a restructuring of minor requirements from PSY 0101 and PSY 0201 plus four electives (two of which must be upper level) to PSY 0101, three upper level electives, and two of the following: PSY 0202: Child Development, PSY 0203: Social Psychology, PSY 0204: Personality Theories, and PSY 0206: Abnormal Psychology; thereby reducing the number of required credits from 19 to 18 for completion of the PSY Minor. This proposed change was identified to provide a broader foundation for the minor.

Course Change Proposal: GE Classification for HIST 0205

The proposal was put forth requesting GE History designation for HIST 0205: The U.S. in the 1930s: Social History through Hollywood Film. The rationale for the proposal included the ideas that films cover intellectual, moral, and social responses to an era; and the evaluation of film in a historical context. A discussion was held as to the precedent of courses such as CLP 0203: Film & Literature, MUSIC 0260: Music in Film, and COMM 0215: Bollywood: Popular Indian Cinema, which each have a (non-history) GE designation.

Matters Arising

None