

Minutes

Academic Matters Council Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Attendees: Mokhtar Atallah, Martha Baker, Robert Bernatzky, Stephanie Chapko, John Cunningham, Ginger Etinde, Edward Golding, Dennis Hanno, Ernest May, Lori Moss, Jennifer Normanly, Gerald Platt, Dennis Searcy, Linda Slakey, Cecilia Trachy

Minutes:

The minutes of September 21, 2005 were accepted by the Council.

Announcements:

New member Edward Golding, was introduced to the Council as representing Sharon Fross, Vice Provost for Outreach.

New Business:

The Committee briefly reviewed the list of “Members, Liaisons and Subcommittees” and gave a description of each subcommittee. Stephanie Chapko and Edward Golding volunteered to serve on the Course Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Reports

Course (Robert Bernatsky – Chair) JUDAIC 374, “Culture and Immigration in Israel” PASSED

Program (Dennis Hanno – Chair)

BS degree in Public Health - An extensive discussion was held regarding the BS degree in Public Health. Jennifer Normanly gave a synopsis of the changes to the proposed major that have occurred since last reviewed by the Council. Ed Golding noted that he felt that the number of 100-level courses a student could take in the social science track seemed high. He also suggested that allowed second majors in the collateral field might be described as all BA majors. Gerald Platt suggested that Sociology 211 be considered as one of the possible math/stats courses. He also noted that within the social science track, the courses SOC 103, 105, 106, and 110 were all very similar and that a student should not be allowed to take all of their foundation courses from this set, as might be possible under the current proposal. It was agreed that the Program Subcommittee would discuss these points further with the Public Health Department and report back at a future meeting. Thus, the PREVIOUS MOTION TO TABLE WILL BE CONTINUED

Name Change of Exercise Science to Kinesiology – Mokhtar expressed that the name change gives a much stronger message to students as to what they will be studying. Stephanie Chapko asked if both the major and name of department would change as well. The reply from the Council clarified that the name change of the major would be the responsibility of AMC, however, the name change of a department would not.

Moved: That the Council approves to change the name of the major from Exercise Science to Kinesiology (John Cunningham also motions to change the name of the rubric within the major).

MOTION PASSED

Policy (Mokhtar Atallah – Chair)

Other Business: Cece presented to the Council the possibility of changing the number limit of repeat courses for students from five repeats to unlimited number of repeats. This is due to the extreme workload on her staff to

monitor and process grade changes and the difficulty of tracking when a student has reached the maximum of five repeats. She will compile the statistics for students with five repeats and over, then present it to the Council.

Next meeting: Wednesday October 19th, 2005 @ 12:15 PM, Campus Center 905-909