Minutes

Academic Matters Council

Wednesday, October 15, 2014


APPROVE MINUTES for October 1, 2014

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catharine Porter is retiring from Ombuds Office. Representatives needed for search committee. Questions posed as to whether Ombuds Office is structured properly. Rules Committee is looking for feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

COURSE (M.J. Peterson)

Management 342 New Venture Financing (3 credit)  APPROVED
Political Science 2xx (ex 297) Introduction to Legal Reasoning (4 credit)  APPROVED
Honors 221 Springfield Renaissance: Arts and the City (4 credit)  APPROVED

PROGRAM (Patrick Kelly)

Revisions to the Undergraduate Program in Public Health  APPROVED

[merged science and social science tracks, new required courses (200-level Introduction to Public Health, at least one course in each of the five specializations in Public Health)]

POLICY (Pamela Marsh-Williams)

Application of Courses Towards Multiple Credentials  APPROVED

*with modifications

*This was removed from the description (see next page for approved description):
“dual masters degree programs, where overlap in elective credits between two masters degree programs is allowed so long as the total credits taken is no less than 80% of the total for both degrees combined;”

[Credential = major, minor, or certificate. Undergraduate policy only (not for graduates). Good citizen policy (Spire will not do this). Policy is about credentials, certificate will be another policy.]

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 5, 2014 @ 12:15 pm, Campus Center 903.
APPLICATION OF COURSES TOWARDS MULTIPLE CREDENTIALS

No more than two courses used to fulfill the requirements of any one credential may be applied towards the fulfillment of any other credential, wherein “credential” is defined as an academic degree program (major), minor, or certificate.

For example, a student may apply two courses used to fulfill major requirements towards the requirements of a minor or certificate. In this instance, no additional courses used to fulfill either the minor/certificate or the major requirements can be applied to any other credential. Alternatively, a student could apply one course used to fulfill major requirements towards a certificate and one course towards a minor. In this instance, the student could apply one additional course towards both the certificate and the minor, as each of those credentials did not meet the two-course limit via the application of courses from the major requirements. However, no additional courses used to fulfill the major requirements may be applied to any other credential, as two courses from the major requirements have already been applied to other credentials.

There are very limited exceptions to this rule that have explicit policy allowing for additional application of credits. These exceptions include: double majors, where a student simultaneously pursues a primary and secondary degree; accelerated masters programs, where up to 12 credits applied to the baccalaureate degree may be applied towards the master’s degree, contingent upon the completion of at least 150 credits and the credit load of the existing master’s degree; transitional certificates, where some or all of the credits taken by non-degree students prior to matriculation at the University may be applied to the specific degree program associated with that transitional certificate; and second bachelor’s degrees, in which students must complete at least 30 credits beyond those normally required for graduation in order to be awarded a second bachelor’s degree.

Because the awarding of minors and certificates is handled at the department and/or program level, advisors within the departments or programs must communicate this regulation to students and ensure that no more than two courses are used to fulfill the requirements of more than one credential. Students pursuing credentials in multiple departments are responsible for ensuring that the requirements for each credential they are pursuing are met within the guidelines of this policy at the risk of not being awarded one or more of the credentials.