

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 16, 2007 (2:30 PM)

CSCC 131

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### Present:

Louis Keiner, Chair, Science  
John Goodwin, Science  
Patti Edwards, Humanities  
Arne Flaten, sub, Humanities  
Pat Hardee, Education  
Sharon Thompson, Education  
Dennis Wiseman, Provost's office  
Dan Lawless, Registrar's office

### Absent:

Judy Vogt, Enrollment Services  
Marvin Keene, Business  
Jay Teets, Business

### A. Call to Order - 2:35 PM

1. Approval of Minutes from November, 2006 - **Approved**
2. Chair Report
  - i. Core Curriculum Revision Update - **The Chair reported that the committee is scheduled to meet next week, hopefully to wrap up work on the proposal. At that point, we will schedule a special meeting of the CC and AA committees to consider the proposal.**

### B. Old Business

1. Course and Program Changes from Science
  - i. Biology Major - Add ECON 202 for Biology/MBA students - **no info - still tabled.**
  - ii. MATH 201 - Change Prerequisites - **no action, by request of the department. The chair reported on a meeting about the math placement test, where the Academic Center and the Math department are considering a new placement system. Under the proposal, new students would have the option of going into their program's basic math class, or taking a commercial placement test if they want to test into a higher math. This is only a proposal at the moment.**
  - iii. CSCI 105 - Change in Description - **"A survey course that includes an emphasis on scientific data research, communication, organization and analysis through web development, presentation software, and spreadsheets." - passed**

iv. CSCI 110 - Change in Description – “A survey course designed for Business or Computer Science majors. The course focuses on business applications involving beginning and intermediate spreadsheets and presentation software.”

2. Course and Program Changes from Humanities

i. THEA 240 – Delete – no info – still tabled

ii. THEA 375 – Add – no info – still tabled

C. New Business

1. Discussion of a proposed change to catalog regarding Minors:

Proposed change in the Catalog under "Minors" pg 57 of the current catalog.

Following the statement: A minor requires a minimum of 18 credits outside of the major subject area (with the exception of Marine Science).

Add: Courses which are applied to one minor area may not be used to fulfill the requirements for an additional minor.

Explanation:

With the choices of courses available for the interdisciplinary minors it is currently possible for a student to complete two minors using the same exact courses for both minors. For example, international studies and history or international studies and politics or Spanish, etc. This can also happen with other minor combinations.

There was much discussion about this proposal. The chair initially offered a modified version suggested by the CNAS chairs, that there should be allowed 6 credits overlap between a student's two minors. The discussion also covered the issues of major/major overlap, and major/minor overlap. The committee's consensus was that these issues are all intertwined, and should be addressed at the same time. There needs to be written guidelines about all three possibilities written into the catalog. However, the committee felt that it had too little information about the effects of such a change to make good decisions now. The chair asked Dan Lawless to research the last 5 years of student data to determine how many students might be affected by such rules, and in what situations. The committee members were also asked to canvas their chairs and deans to determine their opinions about this.

The proposal, as it was written, was voted down, in anticipation of the issue coming back as a larger package later.

D. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30, February 13, 2007.