

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee – Saint Louis University
UAAC meeting minutes 2/3/22 and UAAC Sub Meeting 2/10/22**

Those in attendance: Rob Wood, Ellen Crowell, Gary Bledsoe, Debbie Pike, Gary Barker, Gina Merys, Jay Haugen, Jennifer Rust, Hesse Helton, Laura McLaughlin, Leah Sweetman, Merlene Gilb, Michael Elliott, Peggy Dotson, Sabrina W. Tyuse, Shawn Stedman,

Excused: Elizabeth Goekel-Blessing and Tyler DeShon

Associate Provost Rob Wood, PhD the UAAC meeting was called to order at 9:09 am.

Reports/Proposal/Policies from Committee Members:

Parks College – Bio Electrical & Computer Engineering- Informational Only -

As currently structured, the Biomedical Engineering curriculum requires 124 credit hours for completion (130 for Pre-Health Track). This consists broadly of courses from the following areas: Communications (3 credits), Cultural Diversity (3 credits), Humanities (3 credits), Philosophy & Theology (6 credits), Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 credits), Non-Technical Electives (3 credits), Basic Math and Science (38 credits), Basic Engineering (8 credits), Core BME Courses (30 credits), Advanced BME Electives (18 credits), and BME-Related Electives (9 credits).

Discussion highlights regarding the Parks College changes were:

All changes are information only and do not require UAAC sub-committee voting. There was discussion regarding BME document (below). The BS for the BME requirement standard general track and all other changes were made to address the core. This will allow the students to achieve the core requirements. The change to the Freshman 1700 introduction course (which is approved for core pilot) and ran last semester will be added (which is an Ignite First Year Seminar) and there will be an additional course, which is the Cura Personalis and we can substitute as we move forward.

The curricular subcommittees for the UACC are looking at courses submitted and will make sure the courses do meet the core requirements. In addition, the goal is to make sure the students are informed and understand they are in a shared intellectual experience across the University.

- *At the 2-10-22 UAAC Sub-Committee this was informational only.*



BME Curriculum
Changes + CORE 12-

Arts & Sciences – 3+3 Accelerated Bioethics and Health Studies BA/JD Program, Gary Barker, PhD

The Department of Health Care Ethics in the College of Arts and Sciences will participate in the Accelerated 3+3 BA/JD program, where students apply a maximum of 30 law school credits completed in their first year to their undergraduate degree program. Students will receive their BA with a major in Bioethics and Health Studies after the successful completion of their first year at SLU Law. Students may apply to the Bioethics and Health Studies BA/JD program after they have completed 15-48 credits at SLU, 3 credits of which should be a 3000-level course in Health Care Ethics. Students must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA to continue in the accelerated program. After having completed 75 credits, students will apply to SLU Law. If admitted to SLU Law, these students will begin their JD program during their fourth year of study. The first year of law school coursework will count as elective credit toward the undergraduate BA degree, therefore the College

of Arts and Sciences will award students their BA degree after the successful completion of their first year of law school. Students are required to complete at least 75% of the credits necessary to earn their undergraduate degree, a minimum of 90 credits, before they matriculate at SLU Law. These credits must include both core curriculum requirements (for those completing the CAS Core totals between 54-63 credits: for those completing the new University Core totals 32 credits) and Bioethics and Health Studies major requirements (36 credits). All core curriculum and major requirements will be met before students matriculate as first-year law students.

Discussion highlights regarding the 3+3 Accelerated Bioethics and Health Studies BA/JD Program changes were:

Going forward, please change the language, there is no longer BA/JD programs in CAS. Please make sure in any expression of the new university core please reflect 32-35 core credits.

Please change the word "her" to "their" in section 9 (Departmental policies and procedures) and for future program change forms.

- *At the 2-10-22 UAAC Sub-Committee unanimously approved the 3+3 Accelerated Bioethics & Health Studies BA/JD Program in Arts & Sciences.*



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Arts & Sciences – Revision/Renaming of Film Studies Minor, Gary Barker, PhD:

CAS intends to move this Minor into the Dept. of Communication. The move will allow for intentional faculty oversight, administrative assistant support, and the naming of a Program Director with film production expertise. These changes are in keeping with external evaluation recommendations. The industry has an expectation of both film and media knowledge/expertise. Student interest, at SLU and nationally, is increasingly in production. Specific changes:

- Change Minor name from "Film Studies" to "Film & Media Studies"
- Change total required credit hours from 18 to 22
- Require new introductory course "FSTD xxxx Intro to Film & Media"
- Require CMM2400 Media and Society (3ch) and CMM2500 Media Lab (1ch)
- 5. Require 1 Communication Production course (3ch)
- 4 Require 6 credit hours of coursework with Film & Media Creation attribute (interdisciplinary offerings)
- 5 Require 6 credit hours of coursework with Film & Media Critical Study attribute (interdisciplinary offerings)
- 6 Require 3 credit hours of coursework with Film & media Elective attribute (interdisciplinary offerings)
- 7 Remove Capstone Experience requirement

Discussion highlights regarding the Film Studies Minor Revision/Renaming changes were:

There is a faculty member in Communication whom if approved these changes will become the Director of Film and Media Studies. In addition, offering to do all the coursework. There is a need for Film and Studies and with the Communication department insights and the hope of more involvement from other's we can build this program. It is important to move forward and the goal is to make this minor more in line and

broaden from just film to film and media. We have heard from external evaluators we are significantly underperforming in this area and we want to build this program up.

- *At the 2-10-22 UAAC Sub-Committee unanimously approved the Revision/Renaming of Film Studies Minor in Arts & Sciences.*



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OLD BUSINESS:

To be continued: A working group – (Denise Sleet, Jay Haugen, Gary Barker & others) was tasked with coming up with a University Waitlist policy/procedure. What is the update as to where things stand? Jay is not prepared to propose at this meeting. Gary would like to know are going to see a proposed revision to the IB draft withdrawal policy.

On-going discussions regarding Micro-Credential Definitions

Ongoing discussions regarding Micro-Credential Definitions and below is a revised copy Jay Haugen distributed to the committee. Further conversation will be on-going.



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On-going items of discussions regarding temporary withdrawal policy:

We have not heard officially regarding the policy and Rob will follow-up with the Provost. The temporary withdrawal policy was discussed in the meeting today. In addition, it was also discussed at UAAC's sub-committee meeting in December and again in January of 2022. The committee questioned if this policy becomes permanent what if, or if any repercussions will come to light. The provost message did signal that the temporary withdrawal policy just might become permanent and if this occurs, will it constitute as an academic policy change? If this occurs, will this need to be addressed at the UAAC committee meetings?

Jay would like to create a version for the next catalog. The registration holds are going to be put back on for Spring, and will only be a temporary inconvenience, and will eventually be corrected. Jay stated, "he will convey this message to the students and these approved changes will be processed within a day".

The committee discussed and questioned the number of W's criteria for probation, and if we can make that permanent.

This question, and further questions will be tabled and addressed again in future UAAC meetings.

On-going items of discussion regarding CORE/Core requirements and Ignite Seminars:

There was talk regarding the Ignite seminars and for clarification purposes, Ellen Crowell has been working with Lori Russell who will be sending an email to all chairs regarding the Ignite Seminar scheduling. The Ignite seminar scheduling is a cultural shift and what it means for the students in your programs. There will be more Ignite seminars in the fall and some in the Spring. The Chairs should communicate the information that is being sent to them.

Discussion regarding how units should prepare their road maps for the catalog edits. Some students are on 1 core and students in the next year's catalog will be on another core.

The committee was informed the road maps in the catalog are for the students that are starting in Fall of 2022. We can always get to the old road maps. There are some units that print those and have those available.

On-going items of discussion regarding potential Associates degree:

On-going discussion will be addressed at the March UAAC meeting.

On-going items of discussion regarding deadlines for submissions for inclusion for the 2023 catalog:

The UUCS has been working to get as many courses as possible through the approval process. To date, there are over 200 from the internal records received which have gone through the whole process. The committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month. We still have around 100 that possibly have not been submitted. If you have submitted and they have not been approved you can email Ellen Crowell to find out the status of your submissions.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 3rd, 2022, UAAC-subcommittee meeting dated February 10th, 2022.

Announcements: Next UAAC Meeting will be on March 3rd, 2022.