Saint Louis University

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 4, 2024

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, T. Breitbach, M. Cope, P. Dotson, E. Gockel-Blessing, J. Haugen, J. Helton, G. Lopiccolo, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, S. McGahan, N. Mispagel, J. Nichols, B. Perlman, D. Pike, Fr. Rozier, J. Rust, S. Sell, S. Steadman, L. Sweetman, C. Thomas, M. Toups, S. Tyuse

Absent/Excused: Jean Marie Cox, E. Crowell, G. Lappino, Gina Merys

Guest: Dr. Molly Schaller, Taieb Gasmi

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

I. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Motion to approve December 2023 minutes was put forward by Megan Toups and seconded by Sybrina Tyuse. Minutes were approved.

II. **Academic Programs Majors:**
   Major:
   Teaching, BA
   - Dr. Schaler provided an overall summary of the proposed BA in Teaching. The idea for this BA in teaching is in response to the Department of Education seeking innovative approaches to increase the teaching pipeline. The intention of the Program is to support those with their teaching license through the state of Missouri. This is a unique online offering for an undergraduate degree for those who currently have an associate degree. Those candidates that apply will need to have a letter of support from their school district and that the district is one that is partnering with SLU. The grant money received will support tuition for the first cohort of 80 students. The grant will carry the program through two years. Then the program will start over enrolling for the next cohort with the hope of future grant funding. There will be face-to-face coaches in the schools and course work can be applied in the classroom. SPS will deliver the CORE to students in the summer.

Questions:

- Is an associate of arts or of sciences required? One or the other. Some articulation will need to happen depending on the degree.
- Probation standard is a 3.0. What happens if the student falls below that GPA? Probation standards should be spelled out. Students will have an opportunity to repeat the course.
- Summer courses overlap and will need to be amended according to the university policy on what is allowable.
- Would transfer students fit into this curriculum? This is not available to our traditional transfer student.

Molly Schaller will send an addendum with suggested modifications to Lisa prior to the January UAAC Subcommittee meeting.

Computer Engineering – Scott Sell, PhD.

- This proposal is a full expansion of the current computer engineering program in STL to be offered in Madrid. The pool of prospective students is very positive. All internal curricular governing bodies have approved the expansion. The SSE curriculum committee approved this in early December and FC on December 12th.
  Questions:
  Will continuation standards match what is true in St. Louis – a minimum 2.0 GPA. What does that mean – if that isn't achieved what happens. Probation standard – below 2.0 initiates probation and dismissal process. Greater detail about the process needs to be provided to the students.
- Do you have in place some community connection or employer connection regarding the physical facilities or do these have to be grown from scratch? This proposal does include physical facilities and labs. The third year in Fall 2026 we are building the computer engineering lab. We are sure by Fall 2026 everything will be in place. Will open more opportunities in Madrid.

Minors:

Linguistics – Gary Barker, PhD

- The upper-level major courses are identified in the CIM system for review and are currently in the Faculty Council que. That committee will not meet again until later in January assuming they are approved they will be voted on by Faculty Council first Thursday of February. This will appear on our Feb subcommittee vote and if approved will meet the window for the catalog. We will wait for CAS to go through the governing process, and this will appear on the February UAAC Subcommittee meeting.

<u>Micro-credentials</u> – None

III. **Old Business – None**

IV. **Policy Review**

- **Prerequisite Courses – Possible Vote**
  o Revise language to reflect that the Registrar's Office is running the entire process.
  o Increase 5-day notice to 10-day notice. Notification should take place before they are dropped.
  o Registrar's Office will notify students daily.
  o Third paragraph – language is not accurate.
  o Jay will notify the instructor of missing grades for prerequisite courses.
  o Add language to form 7 to reflect policy revisions.

- **Special Topic - Possible Vote – Feedback**
  o This policy is in a better place. Please review the 11/9 draft.

  o <u>Questions:</u>
  o Is there a way to flag repeat students. Jay – yes there is a mechanism for this. There is a repeat section within a given semester.
  o Special topics classes may not be a requirement of a course but can be a substitute for degree requirements.

- **Policy on Independent and Directed Study Courses – Tabled.**
- **Latin Honors – Tabled.**

V. **Discussion Item:**

- Micro-credential Policy – approved by CADD/Provost: March 13, 2023; amended by CADD/Provost: June 23, 2023. **Tabled.**

VI. **Announcements**
Next UAAC Meeting February 1, 2024