

AUC Student Affairs
March 5th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm

Attendance: (quorum: 8)

Present:

Donald Tarallo Jr
Jonathan Harvey
Sean Goodlett
Robert Hynes
Jay Bry
Jacalyn Kremer
Amy McGlothlin
Samantha Beauchamp
Brianna White
Happiness Agbi

Absent:

Courtney Ingersoll
Henry Parkinson
Andrew Chan
Mairead Weagle

Old Business:

(none)

New Business:

- Motion to vote and discuss on AUC proposed revision to the Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum #60
 - Motioned by Sean Goodlett, Seconded by Samantha Beauchamp

Discussion:

The proposal is a revision to our current curriculum. It includes a new catalog entry, approval forms, and learning outcomes. The spirit of this revision is really in changing to more of a learning outcomes model. One, clear communications to why students need to take these classes. The idea is to have three layers. Foundations to lifelong learning (english and ,ath, first year seminar, speaking and listening course. The middle layer of the curriculum would be science lab courses, history, and ethical reasoning and art. And at the top level we have a sequence of three courses, which is three courses that integrate learning from the other two courses, take a minor that has courses in the liberal arts and sciences.(Jenn Berg)

When was it last changed? (White)

- It was last changed in 2006 (berg)

What is the problem with the current system that we are trying to fix and how does the proposed curriculum achieve this? (Samantha Beauchamp)

- There is no problem with the current curriculum but we could improve the learning curriculum for all students.

Will this affect students who already go to Fitchburg State, when do you plan on implementing this policy change? (Brianna White)

- This will not go into effect until the incoming class of students entering in year 2021. Because of this, students already attending fitchburg state before the implementation of this new policy will not be affected.

How did you arrive upon the three credits in a major (Harvey), why not 2 or 4 how did you get to 3?

- We were at 2 for a while, but it proved to not be working efficiently.

Where is the evidence of demand for this new requirement, does Fitchburg State have the money, classroom space and teachers wanting to teach this course? Why are we expanding the required courses when Fitchburg states overall numbers are decreasing? It doesn't feel like the time to vote on this policy change. (Samantha Beauchamp)

- We are hoping to keep the students we have right now and initiate change right when they get into college and show why college is essential. Fitchburg state also has the demand as there are an overabundance of teachers who are willing to teach these extra courses for students. IN a financial aspect this change could help us. The overall numbers of individuals wanting to pursue higher education has decreased nationally, so implementing this policy would help improve student learning.

In the second tier, nine student learning outcomes, how would students keep track of these nine?

- It would be managed through degree works, in the same way it is now.

Have you used any student data or surveying students to determine the need for this proposal? As a campus, we should be making data-informed decisions. (Samantha Beauchamp)

- We conducted self-study few years back where we looked at patterns of enrollment patterns of students and realized we were not meeting the goals of the curriculum, that there were Misalignment with goals of the curriculum, last revision improvement rate of students graduating on time, and uptick in minors

How will this policy change affect programs such as the 3+3 program? (Samantha Beauchamp)

- Professors from each department worked with us representative and was required to tell us where there was issues so hopefully each department did so accurately. Double dipping of three courses to fulfill the LA&S requirement and major can also help with filling all requirements by the students allotted time. This gives more flexibility to programs such as the 3+3.

Motion recommend the approval to approve new LA&S requirements, seconded.

Results

- For: 4
- Against: 1
- Abstain: 4

Motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:25