

Council on Academic Affairs Minutes

March 23, 2023

The March 23, 2023 meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 pm in Booth Library Witters Conference Room.

Members Present: Ms. Juanita Cross, Dr. Sace Elder, Dr. Marita Gronnvoll, Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Jeannie Ludlow, Dr. Abdul Moh'd, Dr. Laurel Teller, Ms. Nidhi Patel

Members Absent: Dr. Billy Hung, Dr. David Melton

Staff Present: Ms. Cindy Hutchison, Mr. Brad Tolppanen

Guests Present: Dr. Grant Sterling (PHI/Gen Ed), Dr. Stephen Lucas (TLF/Gen Ed), Dr. Tim Taylor (ENG/Gen Ed), Dr. Mike Cornebise (CLAS), Dr. Jeff Stowell (PSY)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gronnvoll at 2:00 pm.

I. Approval of the March 9, 2023 CAA Meeting Minutes.

Elder moved and Teller seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:

None

b. Executive Actions:

None

c. Waiver reports:

None

d. Grade Appeals:

None

e. Committee Reports:

Gronnvoll reported the Faculty Laurate nomination deadline was moved back to March 31.

III. Items to be Added to the Agenda: Jones moved and Ludlow seconded to add 1 proposal to the agenda.

1. 23-082 Economics Honors (revised program)

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 23-077 NEU 3900: Independent Study in Neuroscience (new course): Moh'd moved and Elder second to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Jeff Stowell presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revision. (Banner cover sheet: #9 "N/A", #15b. "all others"; Part I: #3 add justification for enrollment restrictions)
2. 23-078 NEU 4100A: Undergraduate Research in Neuroscience (new course): Moh'd moved and Teller seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Jeff Stowell presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revision. (Banner cover sheet: correct numbering, #9 "N/A", #15b. "all others"; Part I: correct numbering, #3 add prerequisites and justification for enrollment restrictions; Part

II: #3 add learning goals and week #16)

3. 23-079 NEU 4275: Undergraduate Internship in Neuroscience (new course): Moh'd moved and Cross seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Jeff Stowell presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revision. (Banner cover sheet: #9 "N/A", #15b. "all others"; Part I: #3 add justification for enrollment restrictions; Part II: #3 add learning goals)
4. 23-080 BS in Neuroscience (revised program): Moh'd moved and Teller seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Mr. Jeff Stowell presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as written.

V. Discussion Items:

1. GEC course review: Dr. Grant Sterling, Dr. Stephen Lucas and Dr. Tim Taylor attended the meeting to represent the General Education Committee. The Gen Ed Committee is seeking direction from CAA for how to carry out its mandate for a periodic review of gen ed courses. CAA members suggested that the GEC could invite department chairs to present the status of their gen eds to the GEC. In addition, the GEC could collect syllabi and the most recent course proposals from each department under review. CAA members also discussed codifying the longstanding expectation that all gen ed courses would focus on university learning goals. The discussion will continue at future CAA meetings.

VI. Other:

None.

VII. Pending:

None.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:

Ludlow moved and Elder seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Cindy Hutchison