



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Verhaegen 219

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, G. Barker, L. Billadeau, T. Breitbach, M. Cope, J. Cox, E. Crowell, P. Dotson, J. Haugen, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, G. Merys, N. Mispagel, V. Murugan, R. Rosenberg, S. Sell, L. Sweetman, S. Tyuse, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: K. Crews, J. Leonard, B. Perlman, M. Toups

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

- I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2024.**
 - a. A motion to approve minutes was put forth by Ellen Crowell and seconded by Andre Zampaulo. All in favor. Minutes were approved.
- II. **Academic Programs:**
 - a. **Majors:**
 - Biology, BA (CIM 16 – Madrid) – Gary Barker, MFA**

Substantive change: To offer major in Madrid from start to finish. Many students are looking forward to this opportunity. Suggestions: Tweak continuation standards to align with STL campus. Recommend that course sequencing be the same as the STL campus to provide greater flexibility. Gary Baker will gather additional follow-up.
 - History, BA (CIM 72) – Gary Barker, MFA –**

Substantive change: This is a curricular revision to align with the core changes that have happened and retooling their approach to the major – bucketing areas of content and attributing courses.
 - b. **Minors**
 - World Cultural Studies (CIM 733) – Andre Zampaulo, PhD**

This is a new proposal – an 18-credit hour minor with one required course: 9 in the department and 6 credit hours of electives. The department has worked collaboratively and received the approval of those areas affected. A market analysis has been conducted with an anticipated 42% increase within a 360-mile radius. This minor will serve that population and can be coupled with any other programs that are currently available.

History (CIM 81) – Gary Barker, MFA

Substantive change: Hit all key points stated above.

c. Micro-credentials

Chinese – Beginning (CIM 640) – Madrid – Andre Zampaulo, PhD

Substantive change: Hosting on the Madrid campus

German – Beginning (CIM 642 – Madrid) – Andre Zampaulo, PhD

Substantive change: Hosting on the Madrid campus.

Ancient Greek – Beginning (CIM 740); Intermediate (CIM 741); Advanced (CIM 742)
Gary Barker, MFA

Latin – Beginning (CIM 737); Intermediate (CIM 738); Advanced (CIM 739) – Gary Barker, MFA:

All developed with the same approach as the other language micro credentials with curricular scaffolding, providing increasing accessibility and flexibility for students. It is the same structure as the other micro-credentials already approved by the UAAC Subcommittee.

d. ABM

Forensic Science, B.S. Crime Scene Investigation Concentration to Criminal Justice
M.A. Accelerated Program (CIM 734) – Gary Barker, MFA

This has not been seen before, an ABM only for a particular concentration – new to the committee. The proposal suggests electives that may fulfill the core requirements. The committee suggests eliminating the suggestions (as students may feel they are required) and address during mentoring.

III. Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals – Dr. Dorsey

- Structural Engineering, B.S. (CIM 727) - passed by CADD and the Provost on 11-26-24. Will be reviewed at the 2-27-24 BOT meeting.
- Data Science, B.S. (CIM 88 - Madrid) - passed by CADD and the Provost on 11-26-24. No further approval required.
- Modern Languages and Intercultural Communication, Minor (CIM 96 -St. Louis) - passed by CADD and the Provost on 11-26-24. No further approval required.
- Health Data Literacy Micro-credential (CIM 723) - passed by CADD and the Provost on 11-26-24. No further approval required.
- The following Policies were passed by CADD and the Provost on 11-26-24 no further approval required.
 - Repeating Course Policy (revisions approved by UAAC and GAAC)

IV. Policy Review: updates

- Credit By Exam - Policy revision – the UADD meeting offered no additional feedback regarding what was proposed. Suggestions by UAAC: Expand credit by exam based on valid tools of assessment with the faculty making the final decision around academic credit. Tests must be listed on the catalog page and approved by this committee.
- Would it be best if UAAC endorsed a general statement, therefore when future exams some forward for endorsement they can then be added to the list and

brought to UAAC as informational vs. a re-vote. Provide a blanket statement – what is the definition of an exam – move some to credit by certification. UAAC supported this change in the policy format. In summary Jay will provide language covering a larger umbrella so we have greater flexibility in moving forward. Anticipate some crafting in January and Jay will work behind the scenes with faculty. Come back with official language for revision and vote.

- Study Abroad Non-Madrid Policy – This policy has been discussed and presented at UAAC in the past. Transfer students and GPA – needs clarification as well as course approval process. This is just an introduction to this group. We will discuss in greater detail in January with some revisions.
- Undergraduate Transfer Credit Articulation Policy Revised – We are researching and embracing best practices in colleges nationally and will bring findings back to the committee to see how we can best serve the students. It is a lengthy policy. Clarify – Section 2: Courses must be less than 10 years old to transfer. Do departments have the right to accept courses more than 10 years old? Is there an appeal option? What are the rules for transfer work? Are we able to articulate on a specific course? The goal is to move into more strategic and intentional practices while being transparent with students and approaching it consistently. We cannot continue inconsistent practices across departments and programs. Students should know before they step into a classroom what articulates. We will revisit.

V. Discussion Item: None

VI. Announcements:

UAAC Meeting January 9, 2025