

BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL
February 14, 2019
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Voting Members: S. Marsh (BUS), R. Caughron (EDU), L. Hedin (EDU), S. Geiger (HHS), A. Bennett (LAS), D. Gorman (LAS), L. Sunderlin (LAS), J. Wolfskill (LAS), J. Hathaway (VPA), J. Siblik (VPA), L. Garcia (Libraries), W. Murphy (HHS/Student), M. Myles (EDU/Advisor)

Present

Ex-Officio Non-voting Members O. Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

Present:

Consultants: A. Byrd (Registration and Records), J. Montag (Registration and Records), J. Ratfield (Administrative Support-Vice Provost Office)

The Baccalaureate Council (BC) meeting was called to order by Vice Provost Ghrayeb.

I. Adoption of Agenda. Caughron made a motion, seconded by Bennett, to APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019, BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL MEETING. **Motion passed unanimously.**

II. Announcements

- a. Minutes from the December 6, 2018, BC meeting were approved electronically.
- b. Section C--Items previously in Section B, now reported for inclusion in the 2019-20 Undergraduate Catalog were presented.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. **College minutes with no undergraduate curricular items.** None.
- b. **College minutes with undergraduate curricular items.** None.
- c. **Other Items**
 - i. GEC minutes: November 15, 2018
 - ii. GEC minutes: January 17, 2019

Gorman made a motion, seconded by Caughron, TO APPROVE ALL THE ITEMS IN THE CONSENT AGENDA. **Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. College Minutes for Discussion.

- a. **College of Education #10.** Wolfskill made a motion, seconded by Caughron, TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION #10 (12/4/18). **Motion passed unanimously.**

V. Unfinished Business.

- a. CEET #2. The BC tabled the name change proposal for Emphasis 4. Energy and Environmental

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Technology from CEET #2. The college/department needs to reach out to the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability and Energy to discuss the name change since the proposal is identical to the name of their institute. Nothing new to report.

- b. CLAS #6 Addendum—Course revision to HIST 374. The Baccalaureate Council tabled this item at the last meeting with questions about the addition of “/as” to Latino. The Department of History responded and would like the course revision to move forward as initially proposed. Wolfskill made a motion, seconded by Caughron, TO APPROVE COURSE REVISION FOR HIST 374. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Business

- a. GPA calculation--L. Sunderlin. Sunderlin went over the issue and provided a handout. Grades are assigned values to two (2) decimal places but GPA is calculated to three (3) decimal places. Part of the discussion included changing the GPA language in the catalog to exactly two decimal places, which would clarify situations where students fall short with calculated GPAs of 1.999, as in the example he provided. He did say that this affects very few students. Marsh indicated this was a communication issue rather than a technical issue. Waivers for students not meeting the requirement would come through the vice provost’s office, which is not an appropriate way to handle these cases per Ghrayeb. Policies are meant to be followed.
- b. New Honors Program agreements. These are graduate level partnerships that Honors Director Todd Gilson is working on with various departments. According to Ghrayeb, Gilson will be proposing additional agreements with other departments. After a brief discussion regarding program requirements, a motion was made by Gorman, seconded by Marsh to APPROVE HONORS GUARANTEED ADMISSION proposal language. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) changes--J. Parker/L. Hedin. Hedin indicated that a few places for the updated TAP language was missed as many department submitted their own language. This is proposed by the Office of Educator Licensure Preparation to ensure all language is correct with this latest mandate from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). A motion was made by Caughron, seconded by Hathaway, to APPROVE THE TEST OF ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY language updates. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Upcoming Business. Ghrayeb talked briefly about the withdrawal policy working group. He also mentioned he will be putting together a group to review the curricular process. Interested parties can contact him to volunteer to serve.

Hedin made a motion, seconded by Bennett, TO ADJOURN. **Motion passed by acclamation.** The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Baccalaureate Council is scheduled for March 21, 2019, 12:30-3:00, Altgeld 125.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ratfield
Administrative Support
Office of the Vice Provost