

BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL

May 2, 2019

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Voting Members: S. Marsh (BUS), R. Caughron (EDU), L. Hedin (EDU), E. Myung (HHS), A. Bennett (LAS), D. Gorman (LAS), M. Lenczewski (LAS), L. Sunderlin (LAS), J. Wolfskill (LAS), J. Siblik (VPA), L. Garcia (Libraries), M. Myles (EDU/Advisor)
Present

Ex-Officio Non-voting Members O. Ghrayeb (Vice Provost), M. Zajac (SAEM)
Present:

Consultants: A. Byrd (Registration and Records), J. Montag (Registration and Records), D. Smith (Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator)

The Baccalaureate Council (BC) meeting was called to order by Vice Provost Ghrayeb. He thanked Council members for their time.

I. Adoption of Agenda. Caughron made a motion, seconded by Gorman, to APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 2, 2019, BACCALAUREATE COUNCIL MEETING. **Motion passed unanimously.**

II. Announcements

- a. Contract Majors and KNPE 101 lettered suffix courses. Smith explained these are reported to the Baccalaureate Council for members to review to see if there are trends. If so, the Baccalaureate Council could recommend that a new major or KNPE course be proposed.
- b. SECTION C. This document contains items previously in Section B, now reported for inclusion in the 2019-20 Undergraduate Catalog after receiving further approvals.
- c. SECTION D. This document contains items reported for inclusion in the 2019-20 Undergraduate Catalog by another undergraduate curriculum committee, including new courses for the general education program.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. **College minutes with no undergraduate curricular items.**
 - i. College of Business #10.
- b. **College minutes with undergraduate curricular items.**
 - i. College of Business #9
 - ii. College of Education, special meeting
 - iii. College of Visual and Performing Arts #7
 - iv. College of Visual and Performing Arts #8

Ghrayeb asked to have CVPA #7 removed from the Consent Agenda. Gorman made a motion, seconded by Caughron, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. **Other Items.** None.

IV. College Minutes for Discussion.

- a. College of Visual and Performing Arts #7. Ghrayeb wanted to discuss the change to the major that corrects for the number of total hours required. He encouraged programs to be sure the correct total

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number of hours required are accurate. It was noted the inaccuracy shouldn't adversely affect students since the hours for requirements in the school are correct. Wolfskill made a motion, seconded by Marsh, **TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS #7 (3/6/19). Motion passed unanimously.**

V. Unfinished Business.

- a. CEET #2. The BC tabled the name change proposal for Emphasis 4. Energy and Environmental 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. Grading/GPA Calculation. Sunderlin made a motion, seconded by Lenczewski **TO APPROVE THE NEW LANGUAGE REGARDING GRADING AND GPA CALCULATION.** Myles had a question about the sentence and submitted a suggestion to clean up the language. Sunderlin noted the two numbers—1.99 and 2.499--refer specifically to state requirements. Wolfskill made a motion, seconded by Hedin, **TO ADD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE MYLES'S EDITS. Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Business

- A. Revisions to the Academic Regulations section.. Caughron made a motion, seconded by Lenczewski, **TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE ACADEMIC REGULATIONS SECTION OF THE CATALOG.** Regarding changes to Freshman Warning, Marsh asked about the number of digits for GPA reporting. Byrd responded that three are reported in MyNIU. It was suggested to clarify in which semester students need to obtain a 2.00. Caughron made a motion, seconded by Lenczewski, **TO ADD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE EDITS TO THIS SECTION. Motion passed unanimously.**

Myles made a motion, seconded by Caughron, **TO ADJOURN. Motion passed by acclamation.** The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

The next meeting of the Baccalaureate Council is scheduled for September 13, 2019, 12:30-3:00, Altgeld 125.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Smith
Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator