

UAAC Faculty Subcommittee
February 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Fr. M. Barber, D. Barbeau, C. Boyd, R. Colignon, L. Dorsey, J. Giancola, P. Gregory, R. Hindi, A. Rule, K. Syberg, S. Tyuse, M. Ulione, J. Welch, E. Whitt

Guest: Fr. Ted Vitali

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The December 12, 2012 meeting minutes were approved with one correction notated.

Updates:

- Dr. Colignon asked if the members of the Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the program from B.A. in Criminal Justice to B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Dr. Whitt confirmed that the name change had been approved and the program is moving forward. Dr. Whitt also stated going forward, all changes like this need to come to UAAC or GAAC respectively.

Proposed Changed in Core Curriculum: School for Professional Studies:

- Dr. Boyd stated the SPS 2010 Core Curriculum self-assessment showed the need for revisions in the areas of student writing abilities, better instruction in the use of technology, questions of diversity, a greater emphasis upon interdisciplinary courses
- The committee looked at the best practices of writing across the curriculum and how to fit these practices into an 8 week long session instead of the usual 16 week session
 - A writing component would be added to:
 - PHIL 105 or PHIL 110
 - PHIL 205
 - THEO 100
 - HIST 111,112, or 352
- Best practices for the use of technology resulted in the recommendation of:
 - Adding CST 115 *Concepts and Applications of Technology* to the core
- The question of requiring a “diversity” course was addressed by:
 - Having the student choose between taking “Cultural Diversity in the US” or “Global Citizenship”
 - Require a diversity component in THEO 100
 - Have the students take a capstone course
 - Take one course in the major/minor field by electing to take ED 410, CMMK 365, or OSTD 320, or another approved course
- Students will be required to take one course in quantitative reasoning and natural science and will be able to choose one additional course from either area.
- Social Science requirements would be reduced from 9 credit hours to 6 credit hours

These goals will be accomplished by:

- ✓ Including writing composition in literature and humanities courses
- ✓ Teach students how to analyze arguments
- ✓ Students will be permitted to choose from PHIL 105 or PHIL 110
- ✓ A student's writing ability will be done with the use of the Writing Rubric (tool that is used by most faculty and the students are aware of its use)
- ✓ The Natural Sciences requirements should state: College Algebra or approved course

Dr. Rule made a motion to endorse the curriculum changes. Dr. Tyuse seconded the motion. The subcommittee unanimously passed the changes.

Fr. Ted Vitali, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, addressed the committee's concern over why in some programs students are given permission to waive PHIL 105 and enroll directly into PHIL 205. Fr. Vitali stated that it becomes an issue for students in the professional programs because of accreditors only want 6 credit hours in the liberal arts. PHIL 105 is an introduction into the western mind and a foundation to western civilization. Father Barber asked if a course could be developed that included both PHIL 105 and PHIL 205. Fr. Vitali said that is a possibility, but it would only be opened to students enrolled in professional programs. Dr. Dorsey stated accreditation is not a barrier in the professional programs in Doisy College of Health Sciences. Dr. Hindi said Parks students do not have to take PHIL 105 because engineering has their own ethics course.

Fr. Ted stated co-teaching for the third course in philosophy would be the best option, but also the more expensive option. It would allow for 20-40 students in a class with two instructors and graduate teaching assistants. The other option for students is to take a philosophy course during the summer.

The committee thanked Fr. Vitali for his time in helping the members understand why some students are allowed to waive PHIL 105.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.