

Minutes of the FSCC  
April 20, 2021 via Webex

Attending: Brumm (CALs and Chair), Fox (HS), Hargrove (LAS), Schwartz (Engr). Zarecor (Architecture). Engelken (Vet Med.) Ex-officio: Boyne (Provost)

Call to Order – 11:00 am  
Approval of Agenda for April 6, 2022 – Approved

The only thing on the agenda was a discussion of proposed modification to requirements for majors, minors, and secondary majors. The current proposal is to have no stand-alone credits for majors/secondary majors (there are currently none so this is not a change), but to remove those from minors, and to increase the 300+ credit requirements for minors from 6 to 9. The stated benefit of these changes is that they will provide consistency with respect to the usage of stand-alone credits in programs, increase availability of minors to many programs, and will distinguish minors (which were previously distinguished by the 9 stand-alone credits) by enhancing the level of performance expected to complete them.

Hargrove and Schwartz report that LAS and COE are not necessarily opposed but that these colleges are not yet ready for the changes to minors. More time will be needed to identify and prepare affected programs. We do not want to generate resistance by rushing through top-down changes.

Zarecor is arguing in favor of the increased 300+ credits for minors because it will bring better access for majors that are already filled with program requirements, but not award so many minors that would automatically qualify if the stand-alone rule were abandoned. There is agreement that this is a good idea but some discussion about how to move forward.

We need clear feedback from programs; if implemented, can we do this? Are we interested?

Meeting adjourned 11:56 am.