

Minutes of the FSCC
Dec. 1. 2021 via Webex

Attending: Brumm (CALs and Chair), Fox (HS), Hargrove (LAS), Nilakanta (BUS), Schwartz (Engr), Zarecor (Architecture). Ex-officio: Boyne (Provost), Keitges (Registrar), Robinson (Grad College), Tiarks (Registrar), Aiden Jones (guest from multicultural student affairs)

Call to Order – 11:00 am
Approval of Agenda for Nov. 10, 2021 – Approved

We started with Item 5 of New Business to accommodate our guest, Aiden Jones. Multicultural Student Affairs is requesting evaluation of U St 101B and 102A for counting toward the US Diversity requirement. These are first-year seminar courses associated with their learning community. Similar courses (UST105 and 106) already count, why shouldn't these? There was some discussion of whether this is really beneficial, but this is not necessary for approval. We agreed that those advising students taking these classes need to make sure they are strategic about how to meet additional credits of the 3 needed for USD.

Motion to approve and make retroactive by Hargrove, second by Nilakanta. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Our next issue was 4b of unfinished business; Academic terminology. This discussion started with the question of whether students completing a major consisting of three minors should also get the minors? (Agricultural studies offers such a track and is interested to know.) Our committee feels that we should not award these minors unless they meet the 9-credit stand-alone requirement(s) of the minor(s).

We are also looking at definitions for the catalog of “certificate”, “minor”, “curriculum”, “option”, and “program” as described on the proposal brought by Brumm. **There was a motion to approve these definitions by Schwartz, seconded Nilakanta. The motion was approved 6-0-0.**

Update on unfinished business: Multidisciplinary degree. There was a lack of enthusiasm for the “three minors major” (unrelated to the issue above) in the FSCC at our last meeting, and Boyne let us know that we might need to continue to visit this issue.

Additional Topic of new business brought by Keitges: For variable credit courses, when the department does not provide the range, the registrar's office enters the range 1-30 credits. This is usually for independent study and research courses. The registrar's office would like some guidance on what this range should be (this is per term, per course). The committee was concerned about causing problems by setting a limit and decided to get more information before acting.

The committee has decided that Merle Haggard will be played prior to the beginning of our next meeting.

Adjournment was 11:56 am.