

## **Undergraduate Academic Council Minutes**

**Meeting:** Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:30PM  
Room: Campus Center 370

**Present:** Nathan Cady, Yu-Hui Chen, Greg Denbeaux, Sue Faerman, Martin Hildebrand, JoAnne Malatesta (Chair), John Murphy, Joan Savitt, Hany Shawky, Christy Smith, and Kabel Stanwicks.

**Guests:** Karen Chico Hurst, Linda Krzykowski, Sue Phillips, and Greg Stevens.

**Chair's Report:** The Business proposal was approved at the Senate meeting and will be forward to the President for signature. The Journalism proposal is at the President's desk and should be signed shortly.

### **Old Business:**

**1) Policy evaluation of who can serve as an advisor for UNI390:**

The changes were approved by the Council and the policy will be updated accordingly.

**2) General Education Proposal:** The Chair of the General Education

Committee provided a summary of all the responses received from the Schools and Colleges. The General Education Committee submitted a preliminary report which outlined a suggested General Education Curriculum which incorporated both Task Force recommendations and responses/concerns from Schools and Colleges. A variety of general education topics were subsequently discussed:

\* The Task Force proposes, and the GE Committee supports a 3 credit MATH requirement in pre-cal. Cal. Stats or other approved courses.

Students will only need to fulfill 3 credits to meet the math

requirements. **Some members feel that before a student graduates**

from UA they should at least take one math course at the college level.

Questions arose regarding the impact of eliminating the Regents waiver. The GE committee will further look into the math requirements changes and will get back to the Council.

\* There was discussion regarding the lower level writing options. It was determined that more time was needed to fully discuss this option.

\* The Task Force and the General Education Committee support the proposal that the upper level WI should be infused into majors.

Questions were posed about the implications of this change and specifically that moving this competency into the major removes it from the general education curriculum. It was suggested that additional discussion is necessary to evaluate how competencies will be infused with the majors, how majors will demonstrate/verify that those competencies are met, and the impact of incorporating those competencies into majors.

\* It is suggested that the Natural Sc. requirement = 3 credits

\* It is suggested that the Social Science requirement = 3 credits

\* It is suggested that the Arts and Humanities requirements remain separate and require 3 credits EACH for fulfillment

\* It is suggested that the American History requirement = 3 credits

\* It is suggested that students are allowed to choose between Europe or Regions Beyond Europe = 3 credits

\* The General Education Committee has kept the TF recommendation that the Foreign Language requirement remain at the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (Elem II). The Gen Ed Committee states that this could be fulfilled via UA course, AP course, Regents  $\geq$  85; or competency/study abroad work. There was discussion about requiring the courses to be completed at UA if not completed prior to matriculation. Other members expressed an interest in examining the Foreign Language requirement further. The UAC asked the General Education Committee to examine the following issues:

- Examine the lower level writing requirement further.
- Develop a more comprehensive definition/explanation of the World Within Reach course and how it might be fulfilled.
- Examine how to verify completion of competencies at the departmental level.
- Continue discussion about the Foreign Language requirement.

The GE chair will create a document with the departments/schools response and will submit it to UAC.

### **3) Working Groups report:**

**Committee on Curriculum and Honors:** Committee still reviewing proposals they have received.

**Committee on General Education:** The Chair summary was discussed during UAC meeting.

**Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies:** No report.

**Committee on Academic Standing (Sub-Committee of CAAS):** No report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm