

COMMITTEE: Admissions & Retention Policies

MEETING DATE: October 5, 2020

PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Mose, David Hisle, Stephanie Jung-in Bae, Joshua Gardner, Michael Baker, Amy Frank

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Steven Asby, Cynthia Wagoner, Stan Eakins, Lucas Snyder

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Derek Maher, Rachel Baker

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Chancellor's initiative on meta majors.

Discussion: Meta majors are an effort to try to improve retention/student success. Aim is to help address students who have delayed graduation due to uncertainty about majors. Proposal: 6 meta majors plus an exploratory meta major. Students are encouraged to pick a general category then take courses that would apply to a category of majors. Students take an intro course similar to COAD 1000 in which they also learn more about what their meta major has to offer. Possible to create cohorts. Has been shown to decrease how often students change majors.

Other commentary:

Cynthia Wagoner: How does this intersect with demands of programs that require 120 hours? How will this affect curriculum development?

Derek Maher: We don't want it to add more hours. It shouldn't have a big impact.

Stan Eakins: Business has discouraged students from picking a major too early. How exactly is this helping to address the issue of students finishing in 4 years?

Derek Maher: We want to help students have low indebtedness and graduate in a timely fashion. This could help to build enrollment by improving retention.

David Hisle: Any thinking about how to align meta majors with LLCs & specific English courses?

Derek Maher: Aiming for learning communities that don't necessarily live together.

Eli Hvastkovs: Are there certain majors that this isn't a good fit for?

Derek Maher: It may not be the best fit for performing arts majors.

Jason Mose: Does this apply to transfer students?

Derek Maher: The more hours that students have coming in, the less applicable this will be. Doesn't require any curriculum change/new catalog copy.

Action Taken: N/A

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

Agenda Item: University Degrees with Distinction Honors

Discussion:

Eli Hvastkovs: We were supposed to come up with verbiage for UG catalog for graduation with Latin honors. Angela and I started and stopped due to other priorities. Still need to talk about students who come in under forgiveness and how the policy applies to them. Decided to only count hours earned after students return under forgiveness.

Action Taken: New catalog copy approved unanimously.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: November 02, 2020

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Review Latin Honors resolution document. Discuss office hour policy.