

**Minutes**  
**Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

**Members in Attendance:** D. Barbeau, G. Barker, E. Blessing, J. Burwinkel, C. Boyd, R. Cole, L. Dorsey, C. Duncan, T. Gasmi, J. Haugen, M. Higgins, J. Langan, D. Lohe, K. Lynch, S. Naeger, K. Ravindra, B. Sokol, K. Thatcher, N. Westhus.

**Guests:** Br. Rehg, Steve Sanchez, Pam Wald

**Call to Order:** Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Approval of Minutes from the May 6, 2015 Committee Meeting:**

Motion made by Robert Cole to approve the May 6, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Kathleen Thatcher - 13 approved, 5 abstained (the committee welcomed many new members this year, therefore we had a number of abstentions.

**Updates:**

*Academic Programs*

- UAS Minors (Operations & Technology) – were endorsed at the May CADD and approved by the VPAA.

*Academic Policy Updates*

Major Change – the University is replacing Intra-University Transfer language with change major language. A new change major application form will replace the past Intra-University Transfer form.

University-wide Academic Program Review – The University APR pilot from the 2014-2015 academic year concluded in May 2015. The APR process has been initiated for this academic year. Schedules, timelines and associated documents have been posted to the Academic Affairs website. Dr. Scott Safranski is the Assistant to the Provost for APR.

University-wide Academic Integrity Policy – This policy is posted on the Academic Affairs website – please let either myself or Dr. Carlin know if we can assist your academic unit in incorporating the common academic integrity violations definitions in your specific academic unit policy.

Academic Definitions Document - This approved document has been posted to the Academic Affairs website.

**UAAC Roster 2015-2016** – identified new members for UAAC year 2015-2016. The updated roster is posted on the Academic Affairs UAAC website.

**Academic Program Proposals**

Philosophy for Ministry Certificate- Br. Rehg

Points of interest:

- Most of the students who come into the P & L Program take the collection of the courses offered in the certificate. This proposal packages these courses into a meaningful academic program.
- The majority of the students in the Program today are post-baccalaureate students.
- Some students will continue on for an MA in Philosophy.
- There are no new costs or resources associated with the certificate.

**Informational Updates** – The Pre-Law Program and the Pre-Professional Health Studies Program will merge into one central office housing all pre-professional program - Office of Pre-Professional Studies (PPS) directed by Dr. Jeanne Melton.

**University Counseling Center** – Jennifer Scott was unable to attend today – will move to October committee meeting.

**Undergraduate Student Satisfaction at SLU** – Steve Sanchez and Pam Wald (committee received handouts of ppt)

- Survey administered to all undergraduates in Spring 2014 and Spring 2015.
- Presentation – identified most important predictors of student satisfaction: social integration, faculty support, and student learning.
- Discussion questions from the group included: was the question of advising distinctive of faculty or professional advisor – no – survey just indicated advisor; the survey looks at relationships and the quality of relationships between students and students and faculty, so can we be more intentional with relationship building on campus?
- In addition, the importance of the faculty: student relationship when students aren't strongly socially integrated was noted.

### **Revision of Academic Policies**

At the end of last academic year the following policies were under review: Final Examination Rescheduling, Grade Appeal and Withdrawing from Saint Louis University. We will plan to review these policies and more beginning October 2015. Please forward any additional policy review requests to Lisa Dorsey. One request is to review options to identify courses that include service learning components and designate in the system.

### **University-Wide Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes**

Academic Affairs hosted a workshop this past June in which 30 faculty and staff - including colleagues from the Madrid campus - assessed undergraduate student learning via rubrics aligned with the University-Wide Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes.

### **Announcements**

- 1.) Dr. Nancy Brickhouse, Provost, arrived July 1, 2015.
- 2.) CCTL – Critical and creative thinking are the foci for fall and spring programming this academic year.

- 3.) Continue to finalize space updates in Ritter and Litteken Halls – getting newly renovated classrooms assigned and in use.
- 4.) The Frost Campus Testing Center has moved to 105 Des Peres Hall.
- 5.) Center for Service and Community Engagement will be hosting a community service fair on West Pine Mall on September 10, 2015.
- 6.) The SON White Coat Ceremony will be Homecoming weekend. Dr. Langan will be traveling to Madrid for the SON White Coat Ceremony on the Madrid Campus.
- 7.) Program-level assessment webpages are now up on the Office of Academic Affairs site. Recommendation to verify your program information.
- 8.) SGA has an all new executive board this academic year.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am