

Middle Georgia State University
Meeting 4 of the Academic Affairs Board
November 18, 2016
10:00 am
The Education Building Room 317

Present: Dr. Rhonda Amerson; Dr. Charla Baker; Dr. Emmie Cochran-Jackson; Dr. Victoria Guarisco, Dr. David Kang; Dr. Patrice Pierce; Dr. Neil Rigole, Dr. Shane Trayers (Chair); Dr. Mary Wearn; Dr. Sabrina Wengier
Guest: Dr. Donna Ingram

1. Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.
2. Review and Adoption of the October 21st (Meeting #3) Minutes
First – Dr. Guarisco; Second – Dr. Kang
3. Review of Proposals

P-ITEC-02-AA-2016-2017 (New Certificate, ITEC) Dr. Rigole explained that this summer the FinT

e. From the Department of Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice
C-PSCJ-01-AA-2016-2017 (New Course, Non-Gen Ed) Dr. Cochran-Jackson explained that this will help students interested in gerontology be more marketable.
Corrections: Remove "certificate program" from "Course placement in the curriculum"
First – Dr. Rigole; Second – Dr. Guarisco. Approved with corrections.

C-PSCJ-02-AA-2016-2017. Dr. Cochran-Jackson explained that this course is of interest to students who are interested in graduate school, and provides an additional upper-level option for students interested in sociology.
First – Dr. Pierce; Second – Dr. Kang. Approved.

P-PSCJ-01-AA-2016-2017 (New Minor, SOCI) Dr. Cochran-Jackson stated that there is an interest from students to have a minor in sociology.
First – Dr. Kang; Second – Dr. Rigole. Approved.

P-PSCJ-02-AA-2016-2017 (New Minor, CRJU) Dr. Cochran-Jackson explained that criminal justice has taken off; such a minor offers more marketability for students.
Tabled: Effective date should be fall 2017 (and not Spring) and the Minor seems too broad with only one required course and the rest as electives.
First – Dr. Guarisco; Second – Dr. Baker

f. Academic Policy

PY-ACAD-01-AA-2016-2017 (Policy Modification) Dr. Wearn explained that students who were undecided were forced to declare a General Studies major. With this new policy, they can be 'undecided' but they will have to pick within the first 30 hours of their program. For Associate degree students, financial aid is dropped after the first 30 hours without a declared major; students in Baccalaureate programs have a little longer. Those 'undecided' students will be advised at the Advising center. Question: How will this be enforced? Answer: Through holds or the hold up for financial aid. Question: What about the Move On When Ready students? Answer: They will have to declare a major as well which is not the case now.
First – Dr. Guarisco; Second – Dr. Baker. Approved.

PY-ACAD-02-AA-2016-2017 (Policy Modification) Dr. Wearn explained that when the state of Georgia had decided to use the performance-based funding model, MGA put a mechanism in place so that any student who was in a B.A. with an A.A. attached to it would get the A.A. automatically. The President and the Provost want the institution to grow the B.A. programs. Students can still get the Associate's degree if they ask for it but it will not be automatic.
First – Dr. Pierce; Second – Dr. Guarisco. Approved.

4. Other items of business
none

5. Adjournment 10:50

Dr. Sabrina Wengier
Recorder, Academic Affairs Board 2016-17