

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting #3

Fall 2024
October 25, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

Voting Members Present (electronically):

Zardosht Afshari; Shannon Beasley; Viktoriya Lanier; Christine Rigsby; Stanley Ketchel; William Lowery; Gerald Lucas; Crystal O’Leary-Davidson; Jessica Sisa; Courtney Stavely; Christopher Hornung; and Benjamin Page.

Guests: Chris Lawrence; Dorothy Howell; Myungjae Kwak; Amanda Smith; James Blackburn; Kevin Floyd; Alex Koohang; Marc Miller; David Jenks; Loretta Clayton; and Chris Tsavatewa.

Absent: Stacey O’Neal and Registrar Designee.

1) **Call to order:** Tammy Haislip called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) **Amendment to Agenda to allow Provost Jenks to Speak**

Motion: Shannon Beasley

2nd: Victoria Lanier

Passed Unanimously

3) **Updates from Provost David Jenks**

Provost David Jenks wanted to pop into the committee meeting to thank the committee for doing important work and for their adaptability when the state legislature, governor, federal government or board mandates required course/program changes. He appreciates faculty flexibility and the work of this committee when changes need to be made.

4) **Approval of the agenda:**

Motion: Shannon Beasley

2nd: Crystal O’Leary-Davidson

Approved (10 AYE, 0 NAY)

5) **Review of Proposals**

- a. Program Modification—Master of Business in Professional Leadership—Marc Miller presented this program modification, noting several changes that has been made to this master’s program to change some required courses (from a management course to a communications course, for example). Other required course changes were made because the department was already counting those courses as substitutions and

exceptions, so the new program modification cleans up the required courses in order to allow students to complete a certificate program alongside the degree along with other electives. This program modification and complement of courses, he noted, also better aligns with the learning outcomes for the degree. There were no questions related to this modification.

Motion to approve: Crystal O'Leary-Davidson

2nd: Shannon Beasley

Approved (13 AYE and 0 NAY)

- b. New Courses related to new BS in Applied AI—

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Motion to approve: Crystal O'Leary-Davidson
2nd: Dusty Lowery
Approved (12 AYE, 0 NAY)

- h. New Course POLS 3901 Politics in Film—Christopher Lawrence noted that this course has been taught for years as a special topics course, and the department would like to add it to their course offerings. It has been successful when taught in the past and there is some potential for cross listing the course in the MCA communications curriculum. Questions about the course included a comment on the timeliness and subject of the course as well as whether or not international films will be part of the class.

Motion to approve: Crystal O'Leary-Davidson
2nd: Christine Rigsby
Approved (12 AYE, 0 NAY)

6) Other Business

- a. Chair Haislip noted that the committee's next scheduled meeting had to be moved to November 1 in order to be done before the November 8 Faculty Senate meeting. She gauged if there would be a quorum for this meeting and it was determined there would be. Chris Tsavatewa noted it would be a small agenda with specified items moving forward (other items may have to wait until the