

# Minutes of the Bachelors of Liberal Studies Committee

Regular meeting of the BLS Committee held at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 11, 2017 in Lee Hall 414.

Voting members Ana Chichester (Director, BLS Program), Jackie Gallagher (secretary; CAS), Leanna Giancarlo (chair; CAS), Nora Kim (CAS), Chad Murphy (CAS), Cristina Turdean (CAS), as well as Woodie Walker (BLS Student Representative, non-voting) and ex-officio members Sarah Lindberg (Admissions) and Jessica McGraw (Assistant Director, BLS Program), were in attendance.

Minutes of April 17, 2017 were approved electronically.

## **Reports:**

Sarah Lindberg (Admissions) reported that 72 BLS applications had been received for fall 2017; 47 offers were made and 40 students have paid their deposits. Of these, 34 students have enrolled in classes. For spring 2018, there are 10 applications so far, with one paid deposit. Recruiting for spring has begun in earnest, primarily through community colleges, visits to Geico and Intuit, and fairs at military bases. Growth in the BLS program is limited by course modality and timing: students who want online and evening/weekend courses do not consider UMW. The Leadership & Management program is the only one that is available entirely through evening or online courses.

Ana Chichester (Director, BLS Program) has met with Kimberly Young, Executive Director of Continuing and Professional Studies. Kimberly has already started meeting with local businesses and chambers of commerce about non-credit bearing professional development courses and even certificate programs that could be run from the Stafford campus. The committee plans to invite Kimberly to a meeting later this year.

## **Items of Business:**

Jessica McGraw (Assistant Director, BLS Program) is pleased to announce that the BLS Office has moved to Combs 108.

The committee unanimously approved a revision to the cybersecurity major, adding PHIL 225 (3) as an alternative to CPSC 302 (3) in the required course list, including CIST 491 (4-6) and CIST 499 (4-6) as options for the capstone requirement, and including MISG 350 (3) as an elective.

The committee discussed the case of Clay Williams, whose Joint Service Transcript was not evaluated by ACE, so UMW was unable to give any credit for military work experience that usually generates credits. This item was tabled pending collection of more information.

## **Announcements:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 1 pm in Lee Hall 414.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Gallagher