

Minutes of the Bachelors of Liberal Studies Committee
October 4, 2019

Regular meeting convened at 1:11 pm, October 4, 2019 in Combs 101

Voting members in attendance: Marco Millones Mayer (CAS, Chair), Abbie Tomba (CAS, secretary), Sushma Subramanian (CAS), Yuan Jen Chiang (CAS).

Non voting, ex-officio members in attendance: Ana Chichester (Director, BLS Program), Susanne Tomillon (Assistant Director, BLS Program), Jose Torres (Admissions).

Report from Admissions (Jose Torres):

Jose Torres reported that admissions received 24 BLS applications, made 10 offers and received 2 deposits for Spring 2020. The deadline for applications is October 15, so he is anticipating more applications to come in closer to that date. In response to questions from committee members Jose commented the numbers looked good compared to past years, but he would send out numbers for comparison. Jose also reported that admission was hosting upcoming transfer student information sessions at Germanna and UMW.

Items of Business:

UFC sent back the BLS general education curriculum, because it did not meet the 30 credit hour requirement set by SACS. The BLS committee revised the requirements to include an additional Methods course (requiring 3 vs. 2), and stipulated that the Digital Intensive and Global perspective courses cannot count as Methods of inquiry courses.

The committee discussed and unanimously approved the of revisions to BLS Special Major for Julie Van Ommeren.

The committee discussed and unanimously approved Ibrar Tariq's Special Major request – (Information Systems and Management)

Discussion of Ana Torres' Special Major request was postponed until next meeting,

The committee discussed that the catalogue states that student cannot count more than 27 credits in business toward graduation unless they are a business major, and the challenge that this may cause for BLS students.

Ana Chichester reported that the CAS Dean asked what barriers existed to offering the leadership major entirely on-line. Currently there is just one course being offered on-line for the core requirements in the major.

Per UFOC request, the BLS committee reviewed it's responses to a survey about the committee's charge and membership and agreed with previous responses.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53pm

Respectfully submitted,
Abbie Tomba