Draft meetings

February 3, 2023

Zoom meeting, 12:30 pm

**Committee:** Bridget Brew, Gonzalo Campos-Dintrans (secretary), Varun Makhija (chair) Scott Powers, Kelly Yoon

**Ex officio:** Ana Chichester, Kristen Fairbanks

**Student representative:** Chase Sullivan

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting started with Kristen’s reports: the total number of students who have accepted admission is 25; in terms of marketing, the recruitment strategy is being examined so that more prospective students visit the website.

Then, Ana reported her meeting with the Dean of Education and the Dean of Arts and Sciences. In it, they discussed Virginia’s current shortage of teachers, and ways in which the College of Education and the BLS program can address this challenge. One strategy is to create an apprenticeship system for students who want to become teachers. The College of Education has been in communication with the school systems of Spotsylvania, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg. The apprenticeship focuses on paraprofessionals and substitute teachers. This would involve 2 years of experience at the schools themselves, and college classes at UMW, so that they would get a bachelor’s degree. Two possibilities are being entertained: to create a special major, or to create a major and have it examined by the UMW curriculum committee, as was done with the Leadership and Management major. During the discussion with the BLS committee members, one question was whether students with this new major would be guaranteed a permanent license to teach. Ana said that the degree would likely only grant temporary license to UMW graduates.

**Discussion of the Criminal Justice Special Major**

Ana reported this special major was created a few years ago in partnership with Germanna. Germanna has an Administration of Justice Associate Degree, and so this special major allows bringing 15 credits directly from Germanna. UMW requires 4 courses (12 credits), plus 18 credits in elective courses (mostly in psychology and sociology). In the conversation with Germanna, they manifested their wish for a course in forensic science at UMW, so Ana will explore this possibility since this is not currently offered at UMW.

During the meeting, we discussed one change: to allow students from Germanna to enroll in this special major even if they haven’t finished their Associate degree in Administration if Justice. The likely advantage is the possibility of bringing in more students given this new flexibility.

The second part of the discussion involved examining the courses required and electives at UMW. Of those courses, the course Juvenile Delinquency (SOCG 351) is not currently in rotation at UMW, so we discussed its removal from the list. Another issue to consider was that since the courses in Germanna for the Associate Degree are taught online, the courses at UMW might need to be taught online as well.

A motion was proposed to decide on the proposed change to the special major, and the removal of the Juvenile Delinquency course from the list of electives. The motion was passed.

**Scholarship**

The deadline for students to apply to a scholarship is April 15, and so reviews of applications might take place between May 1 and May 15. A subcommittee to review applications was formed by Ana C., Kristen F., Scott Powers, Varun M., and Gonzalo C.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.