BLS Committee

Draft meetings

November 3, 2022

Zoom meeting, 1:00 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 1:00

Kristen reports 184 students total, not all enrolled this semester, and overall, it looks like a good enrollment number for Spring. As for marketing updates, they are working on a new BLS flyer, that can advertise both leadership and Management and Criminal Justice.

Ana reports meeting with dean about marketing for the program, there is presence in social media. Ana will advertise leadership and management. The dean was supportive and agreed on a couple of requests.

**Marina Porter’s Russian and leadership studies.**

Ana explained Marina’s trajectory towards her special major. Marina wanted to do Leadership and Management first, but then decided to combine her transferred courses with her current major. Marina’s goal is to work for the federal government. She had some teaching experience, and was made aware by Ana that there are almost no Russian programs.

Scott suggests taking European/Russian history more recently, since her last class was in 2006. Alternatively, a class in contemporary politics might help her. Ana agrees with the suggestion, but warns that most BLS students can only take classes in the evening or online. Chase suggests a class in geopolitics, and he found one with two sections of the class ***Geopolitics***. However, it is full. Kristen checks PSCI classes but Marina doesn’t have the prereqs.

Ana says that it is a challenge for BLS students to do an independent study, because of time constraints , in the sense that they don’t have enough time to build a relationship with a particular professor.

Varun asks how long she has left. Kristen says her last semester is Fall 2023

Gonzalo asks if we could suggest taking electives in geopolitics, Chase mentions sociology, Kristen.

Ana suggests European history?

Ana says she is a recent immigrant.

Gonzalo asks about an education course, Scott asks if she needs to be approved by CE.

Varun asks about.

Scott mentions two evening courses for Marina.

Kristen finds two courses, asynchronous with a meting once a month. EDUC 025 and

Ana says it is a CPS class, continuing Professional Study. Professional Development course.

Chase says it’s a good idea, for CSP good for personal growth but maybe not much for her career.

Varun motion is: pass major as is with suggestion, international affairs, updated history of Russia. and a CPS course in educational leadership.

1:34. Varun raises the motion. All in favor, unanimously passed.

**Second major**

Varun says it is missing chem and biology, replaced, the environmental science is there.

Chase says looks like environmental geography.

Ana says student was doing regular science coursework, has been working with Goodwell.

… application of stats in social sciences.

Chase suggests Urban studies minor

Varun says that he didn’t see a gap in the rationale, Bridget suggested including social sciences methods.

Varun asks Ana and Kristen

Ana thinks that…social studies concentration?

Ana suggests, elaborate on certain points in the rationale.

Motion to revision of the rationale: unanimously passed.

Ana says about Germanna, criminal justice major