University Academic Affairs Committee

Draft meetings

September 1, 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
2. **Introduction**

All members of the committee introduced themselves

Ana Chichester (BLS director) spoke about the history and purpose of the BLS program in UMW. She also described the student population and how it has changed over the years. She mentioned differences between BLS and a B.A/B.S. Scott asked about language requirements for students who pursue an International Affair major.

Kristen showed and discussed the report data about current and old enrollments, and she also described some of the challenges in recruiting students. Kristen also mentioned students’ major interests. She mentioned that new for Fall 2022, there is a new online path for the completion of the Leadership and Management major.

1. **New business**
   1. Revision of special major

The committee discussed the rationale and courses proposed for special major. Varun initiated the discussion by mentioning the variety of foundational and advanced courses in different areas. Gonzalo asked about the need for music courses in the proposed major, since it was not addressed in the rationale. Kristen added that the student had a multimedia course. Gonzalo asked if the student needed the proposed 51 credits or if it could be less. Ana said that 51 credits was more than enough, and Varun said that 41 credits would be fine, as most majors in UMW require around 40 or less. Gonzalo suggested a change in the title of the special major, especially since the music courses were not reflected in it. During the discussion, the committee considered asking the student justifying the music courses or asking a change in the title. An agreement was made to change the title of the major to better reflect the student’s expressed interest. Gonzalo proposed changing the title *Writing and Arts* to one that has the word *storytelling* in it. The committee discussed Kristen’s suggested titles of *artistic storytelling* and *multimedia storytelling*.   Scott liked *multimedia* better, and finally, a motion to suggest the name to *multimedia storytelling* was approved unanimously.

The special major for Jenny Holbert was approved with the suggested change in the title.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50