University Academic Affairs Committee

Approved Minutes

November 27, 2023

**Committee:** Gonzalo Campos-Dintrans (secretary), Marcelo Fajardo-Cárdenas (absent), Varun Makhija (chair), Scott Powers, Kelly Yoon (Zoom)

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

**Student representatives:** Evan Fletcher (absent), Chase Sullivan

Meeting was called to order at 3:35.

Kristen reported successful recruitment for Fall 2023, anticipating 15 students for educational studies. Ana reported that more seats are needed for online classes, and it is likely that January classes will not be able to find a place for all BLS students. We discussed the possibility of having more seats allotted for BLS students, since all BLS students live off campus and many of them work full time and cannot take daytime classes, online classes are the only option for them. Electronic Asynchronous/Electronic Synchronous classes are especially critical for Leadership and Management majors who expect to complete their degrees online.

We discussed a special major proposal for *Community Leadership and Policy*.

The committee discussed the strengths of the proposed major and offered some feedback: adding a communication course, so that the student can choose one elective from the following list: COMM 375, COMM 340, COMM 357. This is in the spirit of helping the student develop their communication skills, especially considering the nature of the proposed major. Another possibility entertained was to suggest GEOG 236, and there was a suggestion for the student to examine the Urban Studies minor curriculum,

A motion was unanimously passed to approve the major, with the suggested change, and the suggestion to look at the minor.

At the end of the meeting, we discussed Spring meetings, we agreed on Mondays at 3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18.