

Faculty Senate – Academic Affairs Council

Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 26, 2024 – 2:10 PM

Virtual: <https://iastate.webex.com/iastate/j.php?MTID=me1da7bec544e6100f0ccfbc0ab79de8b>

Members attending: Jennifer Schieltz (chair), Ann Marie VanDerZanden, David Peters, Cody Fleming, Doug Smith, Karl Bolser, Tom Brumm, Terri Boylston, Aaron Wood, Anna Fantini, Yonghong Jia

Absent: Sarah Zenti, Student Government representative

Others attending: Natallia Gray, Jon Perkins

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes of 1/22 meeting – Motioned and seconded. Approved
3. Old Business
None
4. New Business
 - a. Undergraduate certificate in Health Care Management (HCM).

- Contact: Natallia Gray (Asst. Dean) nagray@iastate.edu

Natallia Gray answered a few questions. No specific reasons given for the 7 “against” votes at the College approval level. She said it is not uncommon for a few “no” votes during any college vote in their college.
Approved 9-0-0

- b. Undergraduate minor in Applied Artificial Intelligence

- Contact: Jon Perkins jperkins@iastate.edu

Jon Perkins answered questions about the two required courses and list of other courses presently available for credit toward the program. Since many of these other courses are 300 and 400-level, committee members wondered what the prerequisites are for them and there was some concern about students having to take a lot of pre-reqs before being able to take these classes. Jon Perkins indicated they plan to add to this list of courses over time if this new minor is approved and will take that into consideration.
Approved 9-0-0

- c. Undergraduate major/minor name change -- Apparel, Merchandising, and Design -> Fashion Design and Merchandising

- Contact: Terri Boylston, Sarah Bennett-George

This name change will better position the program to compete in student recruitment. The word “fashion” seems to be especially important when students are searching for programs like this.
Approved 9-0-0

- d. Proposal to rename the U.S. Diversity requirement category name (to comply with the Board of Regents DEI directives)

Chair Schieltz introduced the motivation behind this proposal and the suggested the name change to “U.S. Perspectives”. Committee members thought this name was too vague (perspectives on what?). After some discussion, the alternative name of U.S. Cultures and Communities was suggested. A motion was made and seconded to approve this alternative name.
Approved 9-0-0

- e. Proposal to add language to the required Free Expression syllabus statement indicating that people cannot be compelled to disclose their pronouns
 - Contact: Jennifer Schieltz, on behalf of faculty senate president Sarah Bennet-George and Provost Wickert

Chair Schieltz introduced the motivation for this proposal (to comply with the Board of Regents DEI Directive 4b) and the proposed wording. Some committee members were unhappy with and questioned the word “compelled”. This is the wording used in the DEI Directive itself. We felt the most straightforward way to comply with the directive was to use the wording exactly as it appears in the directive.

Approved 7-2-0

- f. Policy on Academic Misconduct (Terri Boylston, ASAC chair)

Terri Boylston introduced this policy edit and explained that it is adding back a provision that was removed without Faculty Senate approval (possibly during a catalog edit or copy over). This provision relates to consequences for students that deny academic misconduct and are later found to be responsible, regardless of whether or not they dropped the course.

Approved 9-0-0

5. Committee Reports

- a. FS Curriculum Committee – Brumm

There will be a couple more new curriculum items at next meeting

- b. Academic Standards – Boylston

Have made good progress on policies around academic dismissal and reinstatement. Some of this will be coming to AAC soon.

- c. Outcomes Assessment – Fantini No report
- d. U.S. Diversity courses – Ready-Best
- e. Student Government – Jennifer Holliday, Stacia Drey

6. Good of the order

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18 at 2:10 pm via Webex