

Minutes
Meeting of the College of Social Sciences (COSS) Faculty Council
September 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m., Dean's Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance: Heather Mbaye, Jennifer Beggs Weber, Vanessa Griffin, Sooho Lee, Corey Maggiano, Jeannette Diaz, Anthony Fleming, Pam Hunt Kirk, Patrick Hadley. Guests: Greg Dixon, Amber Smallwood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

1. COSS P&P and By-law Discussion: Greg Dixon discussed the previous subcommittee work on bylaw changes in advance of the COSS Town Hall. We discussed dropping the very controversial language on "teaching professors" since those will probably be phased out by the University anyway. The remaining discussion was primarily focused on clarification of the document.

2. Course/Program Modifications
 - a. BS in Social and Behavioral Health = Add

The Faculty Council supports this major but doesn't think that rushing forward with a problematic document is a good move for anyone, least of all the prospective students. The committee discussed a number of major issues with the BS in Social and Behavioral Health Services, and ask that the Department of Sociology, COSS, and the School of Nursing (and others) work on these issues.

- The title is misleading. We ask that if the title cannot be changed (since there are a number of stakeholders involved) that the language that explains exactly what the program is be tightened and clarified so that it firstly isn't a major that claims to prepare students for a laundry list of jobs and secondly so that there is a clear difference between this major and public health or health administration (this major is neither, but given the title and description sounds like both by turns). The language of career focus claims that the major will prepare students for a list of jobs – the Council cannot see that one major can do all of these (caveat: perhaps "program sheets" would be crafted so students who want certain careers will choose that list of classes within the major). The career focus language needs to be tightened and aligned to the program outcomes. A clear statement of program focus needs to be provided.
- Further, the program outcomes need to be aligned to the classes that are being required. Several program outcomes may not be reached since classes can be chosen from a list.
- Area F has only two classes, essentially, because one of the three listed (BIOL) has a prereq in the other from BIOL. In fact, both of those have prereqs, which is problematic for core requirements.
- XIDS 2300, studies in the social sciences, is consistently called 2030 throughout.
- Neither the Political Science Department nor the Psychology Department faculty have been apprised of this program NOR have they been consulted. This results in a number of relevant classes being left off the lists and in faculty being placed on a list that implies intimate involvement with a program of which they have never even heard. This is a serious and

unfortunate lapse by the committee and in particular the two chairs of Political Science and Psychology.

b. BA with a Major in Psyc = Deactivate

This is approved; however it was incorrectly submitted as deactivating the BS in Psychology, which was only just created.

c. BA with a Major in Crim = Modify
Approved.

3. Updates from the COSS Chairs' meeting

Pam stated that the Chairs were involved in budgeting in the last two Administrative Council meetings; Faculty Council concerns were not discussed.

4. Corey and Jeanette reviewed BS and BA degrees. Typically a BA requires foreign languages and a BS requires more methods and skills classes. The council noted that the new BS in Psychology was created without additional science, skills, methods, or math classes. This BS is out of line with both other BSs in the college and the University and with all other BS in Pysch degrees in the system. The Council will discuss this further next month.

5. The next meeting will be held on 10/21.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.