

College of Arts & Letters College Undergraduate Council (CUC)

Minutes

Tuesday, Nov 13, 2018

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

321 Linton Hall

Attendance: David Godden, Beth Judge, Quinn Moreno, Kirk Domer, Julie Lindquist, Laura Yares, Anne Violin-Wigent, Dimitrii Pastushenkov, David Prestel, Xiaowan Zhang, Lily Woodruff, Kirk Kidwell.

Meeting start 3:30pm

1. Approval of agenda – approved unanimously.
2. Approval of minutes – approved unanimously.
3. Welcome and Remarks by Committee Chair Kirk Domer
4. Remarks by Associate Dean Sonja Fritzsche
Block Tuition: Sonja is on the committee discussing the implementation of block tuition from the academic perspective (there are data and student perspective committees). Students would pay for 15 credits, and be able to take anywhere from 12-18 credits for that amount starting Fall 2019 (block for each semester). Currently looking at add/drop deadlines, because there is a concern students will register for 18 credits and then drop with the current deadline. There would be two deadlines, one associated with fees (5 business days) and one associated with grades. There is a conversation and concern for how this will affect Arts & Humanities. Example: Oklahoma State went to this in the last few years, we are the last in the Big Ten to not have already adopted this with the exception of Nebraska (set up a conference call for discussion). Oregon State reverted back from the block tuition. Not a very transparent process thus far, including the real need for the adoption. Question: MSU Graduation Rates in the Big Ten vs the other schools that already have block tuition? A statement was made that block tuition would improve our graduation rates.

New Student Orientation Starting January 2019: There have been listening sessions, they reached out to the various units in and off campus, and it is no longer an academic orientation program and has been changed to NSO

instead AOP. NSO action team meeting is tomorrow, 11/14 – more information will come then. Initially advising had been taken out of orientation, and that all students would be pre-enrolled electronically without advising. The conversation has been since changed due to feedback that advising would be reinstated and focused on for NSO. Online module with information before orientation will also be an initiative of NSO.
Assessment Culture – Next Meeting.

5. Discussion of creation of permanent CUC-like structure in Bylaws and its connection to the College Curriculum Committee
Concern: CCC vs CUC and the lack of undergraduate communication would then be involved at CCC. Teaching and learning community instead of CUC?
Types of activities: Learning communities (ex: senior seminars, tier II writing, retaining students of color, developing more participatory modes of learning, inclusive teaching, etc.). Why are these conversations limited to just one committee – are representatives supposed to take these ideas back to their units?
Does this committee want to continue past the first experimental year? And if so, what might be the official name, what sort of bylaws are going to be created? What conversations can we have with CAC about this committee? Who/what type of representatives would we have (ex: dept. vs major reps)?
6. Questions on approval process for Experiential Learning Requirement
7. CUC Teaching and Learning Brown Bag Series idea (some ideas mentioned above in regards to the focus of committee topics)
8. Science at the Sphere – MSU Museum (Contact Mark Auslander)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU40wOlh5H0>
https://sos.noaa.gov/What_is_SOS/
9. Other new business and suggestions for agenda items for next meeting
10. Next meeting – January 22, 2019 at 3:30pm

Announcements:

CAL Undergraduate Research Conference – March 22th

Meeting Adjourned 4:33pm.