

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
September 22, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Committee members in attendance:

Sungkyu Kwak
William Mach
Tony Palbicke
Mike Russell
Shaun Schmidt (Chair)
Barbara Scofield
Barb Stevenson
Randy Pembrook (ex officio)

Not in attendance:

Ryan Alexander
Brendan Fay

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Shaun Schmidt at 3:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the August 25, 2014
The minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting for review. The minutes were approved and will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

2. New Business—
 - a. Kansas Studies Proposal:

Tom Schmiedeler provided an overview of the proposal of the new course for the Kansas Studies program. To increase Kansas Studies minors, it was suggested to Tom by the Program Review Committee that an integrative course be offered by the Center for Kansas Studies that might attract students, particularly international students, who will have the opportunity to learn about the setting for their international university experience. This course proposal, then, is a direct response to correcting the most salient deficiency cited in the review of the Kansas Studies unit.

Several modifications were requested to the agenda item and to the interdisciplinary studies review form. After discussion, the committee members voted to approve the agenda item, with the modifications. Based on the approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

- b. Deletion of Associate of Science, Approval of Associate of Arts in Laboratory Science

Shaun Schmidt provided an overview of the two agenda items. The intent of these is to bring the focus of the curricula in line with the changes made by KU, which is where most of our students transfer to after completion of the associate degree. Shaun indicated in his explanation these changes will change the focus of the AS degree to the balance of the AA degree, and thus the program meets the spirit of the KU core.

Two modifications were requested to the agenda item. After discussion, the committee members voted to approve the agenda items, with the modifications. Based on the approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.