

Academic Affairs Committee
Washburn University
3/23/2020
Minutes

Present: Morse, Dodge, Ricklefs, Juma, Jones, Stevens, Beatie, VanDalsem,
Menninger-Corder
Staff: A. Ball
Guest: Kelly Erby, Kara Kendall-Morwick, Bruce Mechtly, Connie Gibbons

Morse called to order at 4:00 pm

Minutes from the 2/10/2020 meeting were approved.

Action items:

Modification to B.A. in English Literature

Kara Kendall-Morwick presented—modification included a new required course for all English majors (EN 105) and the addition of a Film Criticism track to the Literature emphasis. Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

BA in Musical Theatre

Sharon Sullivan presented a proposal to shift Musical Theatre concentration to a major. Proposal tabled with a request from the committee to resubmit with more concrete numbers on how many students an adjunct can teach.

B.Ed. in Government and Political Science Secondary Education

Kim Morse presented. The program is intended to provide students with a program to complete degree requirements within 120 credit hours while continuing to earn the same core curriculum as all other Education majors, acquire content knowledge emphasizing government and political science, and satisfy KSDE 6-12 licensure standards. Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

B.Ed. Middle Grades STEM

Kelly Erby presented. The Middle Grades STEM Education program focuses on science and mathematics education and on integrating STEM throughout the curriculum. The program prepares students for licensure in both mathematics and science education in grades 6-8. Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

B.S. in Computer Information Sciences with concentration in Data Science

Bruce Mechtly presented the concentration in Data Science, developed in collaboration with the Math and Statistics department and in response to recent demand in the field. Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Minor: African American and African Diaspora Studies

Kelly Erby presented. The minor in African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS) offers an interdisciplinary program that examines the societies

and cultures of people of African descent around the globe. Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Minor: Museum and Curatorial Studies

Connie Gibbons presented. The minor in Museum and Curatorial Studies is an interdisciplinary program that examines the practices associated with the

collection, analysis, and exhibition of art, artifacts, specimens, and interpretive displays for the purpose of preservation, interpretation, and public engagement. Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Washburn Law Early Admission Program (LEAP)

Kelly Erby presented. LEAP is designed to enable academically students to

complete their undergraduate degree while simultaneously completing their first year of law school. This program is a modification of a baccalaureate degree from Washburn's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Approval was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.