

Undergraduate Council Hearings
Friday, October 18th, 2013
Green Library, Room 835 & Hubert Library, Room 210
9:00AM-9:30AM
Minutes

Members Present: Cynthia Dottin (Library), Karen Fuller (CARTA), Steven Hudson (A&S), Charlene Ingwell (CNHS), Teresa Lucas (Education), John Thomas for Nestor Portocarrero (Hospitality), Ronnie Silverblatt (Business). **Members Absent:** Lilliam Bustos-Martinez (Journalism) [Lilliam asked to be excused due to an emergency with an ill child], Michael Christie (Engineering). **Proxies Given:** Tania Rivera

Two proposals were scheduled to be heard by the Undergraduate Council: A new Undergraduate Minor in “Communication Leadership and Conflict Resolution” put forward by the Communication Arts Department in the College of Architecture and the Arts, and a new Undergraduate Minor: “Logistics and Supply Chain Management” put forward by the Marketing Department in the College of Business.

The new Undergraduate Minor in “Communication Leadership and Conflict Resolution” was tabled with the suggestion that it be resubmitted with Bulletin #2. This action was taken due to the fact that the Judith Bernier of the Labor Center had questioned the Conflict Resolution portion of the proposal:

The e-mail inquiry from Judith Bernier, Faculty and Director of Academic Programs, Center of Labor Research and Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, datelined, Tue 10/15/2013 3:05 PM, read thus:

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 3:05 PM
To: Cynthia Dottin
Subject: FW: New curriculum proposals affecting your department

Hello Cynthia,

It was brought to my attention that The Department of Communications is proposing a **minor in Communication Leadership and Conflict Resolution**. The Labor Center also has a **Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution**. I will like to learn more details about the minor in Communication Leadership and Conflict Resolution:

- Required Courses?
- Is it graduate or undergraduate minor?
- Etc.

P/S- I also left you a voice message today.

Thanks for your time

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Upon receipt of said e-mail, I responded and carbon-copied Joann Brown, Chair of the Communication Arts Department, in the following manner:

From: Cynthia Dottin
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:03 PM
To: Judith Bernier
Cc: Joann Brown
Subject: RE: New curriculum proposals affecting your department

Hello Judith,

Might I suggest, as an appropriate first step, that you speak to Joann Brown, Chair of the Communication Arts Department? I have carbon-copied her on this response to which your earlier e-mail inquiry is attached. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, or if you have any other questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Cindy

Ms. Brown responded:

From: Joann Brown
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:17 PM

To: Cynthia Dottin; Judith Bernier

Subject: RE: New curriculum proposals affecting your department

Judith,

I would be happy to speak to you about the minor if you have any concerns. The department currently does a lot of consulting and faculty are publishing in this area--the link between communication and leadership.

The minor is at the undergraduate level and it is a grouping of classes that we already offer that are considered essential "how to" skills of good leaders (public speaking, conflict resolution, communication leadership, etc). I have attached the proposal for you. There is one class outside Communication Arts and that is a leadership course offered in SIPA.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss on the phone.

Joann Brown

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A follow-up from Dr. Bernier:

Thanks Joann for your quick response and for sending the proposal . I will review the proposal and let you know if I have any questions.

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It was my expectation that I would have received word from either Dr. Bernier or Ms. Brown, regarding the status or resolution to the query. At the Friday hearing, Mr. Daniel Blaeuer of the Communication Art Department came to speak to the Proposal, but I discovered that the issue had not yet been resolved due to the fact that they were awaiting a discussion with Dawn Addy on the matter, but felt that a name change might be the solution. Since, at the time of the Hearing, there had been no clear solution, I explained the situation to the members of Council and we took a vote to table until Bulletin #2, with the understanding that things would be resolved in order to make the Bulletin 2 deadline.

The new Undergraduate Minor: “Logistics and Supply Chain Management” was heard by the Committee, and the eight committee members voted “Yes” (this included seven present members and one proxy vote “Yes”).

It was decided that an addition should be made to the description which is to be placed in the Undergraduate Catalog. The addition would read thus: **Students must receive a grade of “C” or higher in each course to be awarded the minor.** This addition would be made to the document, and the three pages containing the New Minor Proposal Justification would be sent to the Senate’s Office.

The Hearings of the Undergraduate Council concluded at 9:28AM.

Submitted by: Cynthia Dottin,
Co-Chair Undergraduate Council