

**Council on Academic Affairs**  
**Minutes**  
April 7, 2022

The April 7, 2022 meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 pm in Booth Library Witters Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Ms. Cross, Dr. Elder, Dr. Hung, Dr. Ruholl, Dr. Wilkinson Dr. Gronnvoll, Dr. Padmaraju

**Members Absent:** Dr. Rosenstein, Mr. Karki, Dr. Moh'd

**Staff Present:** Ms. Cindy Hutchison, Mr. Brad Tolppanen

**Guests Present:** Ms. Madelyn Kidd (DEN), Mr. Robb LeCates (Den), Dr. Chris Mitchell (CLAS), Dr. Jeannie Ludlow (WGS), Dr. Don Holly (SOC/ANT/CRM), Dr. Holly Farley (NUR), Dr. Julie Dietz, (PUBH), Dr. Nikki Hillier (PUBH)

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilkinson at 2:00 p.m.*

**I. Approval of the March 24, 2022 CAA Meeting Minutes.**

Ruholl moved and Cross seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

**II. Communications:**

**a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:**

1. College of Health and Human Services Curriculum Committee March 28 2022 meeting
2. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee March 2 2022 meeting

**b. Executive Actions:** None

**c. Waiver reports:** None

**d. Grade Appeals:** None

**e. Committee Reports:**

1. General Education (Elder): met last week and found several syllabi are missing undergraduate learning goals; plan to request Dr. Grant Sterling join their next meeting to discuss
2. Naming (Wilkinson): none
3. Textbook Rental Advisory (Rosenstein, Zeller): None
4. Faculty Laureate (Rosenstein): Two nominations received; committee will announce who was selected at the next meeting
5. Achievement and Contribution Award: Moh'd and Gronnvoll are eligible to serve as CAA appointee; Gronnvoll volunteered

**f. Other:**

1. Memo from Bradley Tolppanen regarding ACA Selection Committee

2. Message from Josh Norman regarding Lincoln College closing

**III. Items to be Added to the Agenda:**

1. 22-088; CMN 1390G (revised course)
2. 22-089; HHS 3000 (new course)

**IV. Items to be Acted Upon:**

1. 21-104 (parts a – f), BS in Health Sciences (new degree program): Padmaraju moved and Hung seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Julie Dietz and Dr. Nikki Hillier presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revisions. (Add newly approved PSY 3628 to the elective options on Option 2: Diversity and Equity in Health)
2. 22-085, ANT 3614 (new course): Padmaraju moved and Elder seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Don Holly presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revisions. (Banner Cover Sheet: Effective date SP2023, correct formatting #8 Catalog Course Description, Part II: #3 Learning Objectives – use action verbs in place of “demonstrate an understanding” and in #8)
3. 22-086, ANT 3616 (new course): Hung moved and Ruholl seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Don Holly presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revisions. (Banner Cover Sheet: Correct formatting #8, 9, 10, 11; Part II: #3 Learning Objectives – use action verbs in place of “demonstrate an understanding” and in #8, #5 Week 1 – add content to “Introductions”)
4. 22-087, WGS 2903 (revised course): Padmaraju moved and Elder seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Jeannie Ludlow presented the proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously with revisions. (Part II: #3 Learning Objectives – use action verbs and in #8)

**V. Discussion Items:**

1. April 3 2022 communication from the Science Chairs (Burns, Bulla, Daniels, Treadwell). The council discussed the request to limit general education courses to those that align with Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) descriptions. The council noted that
  - a. There is precedent for courses not part of the IAI to be included in the General Education program at EIU. In fact, more than 50% of the EIU General Education course list is not matched to IAI.
  - b. There are already two courses in the Physical Science section of the EIU General Education that are not from one of the five disciplines identified in the request.
  - c. The March 10 CAA discussion and recommendation to the General Education Committee reaffirmed current practice and followed precedent. The recommendation to follow the language outlining general education in the EIU undergraduate catalog was not a deviation from current practice.
  - d. CAA would welcome any proposal to revise the language in the undergraduate catalog that describes the Scientific Awareness, or more specifically the Physical Sciences segments, that would better define the nature of those courses. Such a proposal should be sent to CAA but would then be routed to the General Education Committee for review before CAA acts.

- e. Wilkinson would reply to the Science Chairs indicating the nature of the discussion and the invitation to propose new catalog language.

**VI. Meeting Adjournment:**

Ruholl moved and Gronnvoll seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Cindy Hutchison*