

Council on Academic Affairs

Minutes

January 30, 2025

The January 30, 2025, meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 pm in Booth Library Witters Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Chris Becker, Dr. Stefan Eckert, Dr. Sace Elder, Dr. Marita Gronnvoll, Dr. Aimee Janssen-Robinson,, Ms. Ty Rae, Dr. Sham’ah Md.-Yunus

Members Absent: Ms. Juanita Cross, Dr. Billy Hung, and Dr. Jeannie Ludlow

Staff Present: Ms. Patty Watson

Guests Present: Christobal Dominguez, Dr. Christiane Eydte-Beebe and Dr. Chris Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gronnvoll at 2:00 pm.

I. **Approval of the January 23, 2024 CAA Meeting Minutes.**

Eckert moved and Becker seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

II. **Communications:**

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

Minutes of the January 22, 2025 College of Health and Human Services Curriculum Committee meeting.

b. **Executive Actions:**

1. January 22, 2025 memorandum from Associate Dean Cornebise, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to change the course prerequisites for ECN 4689 to reflect course renumberings from ECN 4801 to ECN 3801 and from ECN 4802 to ECN 3802.
2. January 27, 2025 memorandum from Dean Storsved, College of Health and Human Services, requesting executive action to add the recently approved NUR 4355 capstone course in place of EIU Senior Seminar for students in the Traditional Nursing Program.

c. **Waiver reports:**

None

d. **Grade Appeals:**

None

e. **General Education Committee Minutes:**

None

f. **Committee Reports:**

None

g. **Other business:**

1. Agenda item 25-023 HIS-TL Major Revisions Proposal was removed from the items to be added to the agenda because this item involves no new courses, only changes to a teacher licensure program. As such, it goes to COTE and not CAA.

III. Items to be added to the agenda:

- 1.. 25-024 Aging Studies Minor program revisions
2. 25-025 BS in Human Services program revisions
3. 25-026 Early Childhood Program Administration Minor revisions
4. 25-027 HSL 3850-new course
5. 25-028 HSL 3853-revised course
6. 25-029 HSL 4859-revised course.

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 25-022 WLC Honors Revised Program. Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded to open the agenda item for discussion. Dr. Christiane Eydt-Beebe presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as written.

V. Discussion Items:

1. Gronnvoll presented this statement that Ludlow provided her. Ludlow and AVPAA Park met with Provost Hendrickson regarding repeating courses. His feedback is as follows: EIU's curricular work is, of course, faculty led. At the same time, key to the mission of EIU is accessibility. Thus, faculty are urged to support students' attempts to gain access to a degree program or degree of the students' choosing when we can. There may, of course, be very good reasons – a legitimate preprofessional concern; an accreditation-related reason; or a financial aid-related reason – to limit the number of times a student can retake a course. Absent these reasons, our mission of accessibility should be the overriding consideration. As CAA members are aware, we have many examples of students who struggle early in their academic careers, but later adapt successfully and complete degrees in their chosen fields.

The committee asked for clarification regarding a recent proposal.

VI. Other:

None

VII. Pending:

None

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:

Elder moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson