Committee on Academic Programs (CAP)  
October 20, 2015

Present: Alexandra Smirnova, Brian Kooy, Chara Bohan, Elena Del Rio Parra, Gennady Cymbalyuk, Joseph Hacker, Lynda Goodfellow, Margo Brinton, Maryann Romski, Sara Weigle, Shelby Frost, William Long, Yusen Xia

Guest: David Jackson, Jr, VP of Academic Affairs – Student Government Association; Allison Calhoun-Brown, AVP Student Retention

Call to Order
Michelle Brattain called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2150, 25 Park Place

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of August 25, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve a Course Prefix Addition of GLOS within the Department of Global Studies

Shelby Frost led the discussion and presented the motion to approve a course prefix addition of GLOS within the Department of Global Studies. William Long elaborated on the motion. **Rationale:** When the Global Studies Institute (GSI) was initially created, one of the core aspects of the mission was to develop “easily identifiable and accessible courses...that systematically prepare students to be globally aware and globally competent.” The proposed prefix for the newly formed GSI reflects, and indeed is at the leading edge of, pedagogical trends in key areas of studying modern global societies in inter- and multi-disciplinary ways. Courses that bear the GLOS prefix will reflect a diverse range of disciplinary and methodological backgrounds of core and affiliate faculty in GSI, and will align directly with our core student learning outcomes. These include developing a deep and comprehensive understanding of a world region, functional expertise in one or more content areas, research skills appropriate to a student’s area of specialization and interest, along with experiential learning and capstone projects. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve a Course Prefix Addition of CMIS within the Department of Creative Media Industries Institute

Shelby Frost led the discussion and presented the motion to approve a course prefix addition of CMIS within the Department of Creative Media Industries Institute. William Long elaborated on the motion. **Rationale:** CMII is a College of Arts and Sciences Institute authorized, at its approval in November 2014 by the GSU Administrative Council, to develop a range of interdisciplinary programs to better prepare students for careers in the creative industries (especially game design and development, film and TV production, interactive media, sound design, creative writing, graphic design, and other computational media), to organize entrepreneurial training programs, and to undertake industry-oriented research activity. The Committee on Academic Programs gave final approval to four BIS degree sequences that have been CMII-administered since February 2015 (a BIS concentration in game design and development, a BIS concentration in media entrepreneurship, and parallel interdisciplinary minors for each).
As the Institute implements these and potential future undergraduate and graduate programs in collaboration with English, Music, Art & Design, Communication, Computer Science, and other units, a CMIS course prefix is thus justified for these reasons: (1) A CMIS prefix enables the university to present a unified and coherent set of degree programs language in the catalog and in other promotional material that doesn’t confuse students seeking advisement; (2) Enrollment management in high demand courses is facilitated by having an Institute-specific prefix, which enables the negotiation of cross-listing enrollment caps able to serve students in all programs connected to a given course; (3) Creation of a CMIS prefix sets up a vehicle for future Institute-specific degree courses and elective courses as faculty staffing is committed to Institute work; and (4) A CMIS prefix makes it easier to centrally track and assess Institute curricular activity. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve a Course Prefix Addition of EURO within the Department of Political Science

Shelby Frost led the discussion and presented the motion to approve a course prefix addition of EURO within the Department of Political Science. Rationale: GSU is part of the University System of Georgia EU Studies Program and as such offers courses that allow GSU students to complete a certificate in European Union Studies. So that students from different schools (attached is a list of participating schools) can more smoothly sign up for the same courses, the EU Studies Program is moving towards using the Ingress registration system (of which GSU is also a member). Ingress requires the use of common course prefixes, names and numbers and for this reason GSU would also need to offer the course prefix EURO.

Currently, GSU students have the ability to sign up for POLS 4242 European Union and for several sections of POLS 4290 Studies in Comparative Politics (these vary according to what is offered through the EU Studies Program and can be repeated for credit; each semester three will be offered; list of courses attached) but that will disappear once the EU Studies Program fully moves towards using the Ingress registration system and therefore GSU also needs to establish the prefix EURO to continue to allow GSU students access to the certificate program. This will strengthen the collaborative relationship between the participating institutions. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve a Minor in International Business within the Department of Institute of International Business

Shelby Frost led the discussion and presented the motion to approve a Minor in International Business within the Department of Institute of International Business. Rationale: In today’s world, companies no longer perceive international business as a luxury, but as a necessity. The State of Georgia, and the city of Atlanta serve as major hubs for global U.S. and foreign-based companies including the likes of Coca-Cola, UPS, Delta, KIA, Mercedes, and many others. The Minor in International Business, open to all Georgia State University undergraduates, is designed to extend students’ functional area expertise with international competence, develop their ability to effectively function in the complex, dynamic environment, and increase their competitiveness in the global marketplace. Upon approval of the Minor in International Business, the Certificate of International Business will be deactivated. The committee unanimously approved the motion.
Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve a Course Prefix Change of EXC to ASL American Sign Languages Courses, Educational Psychology, Special Education and Communication Disorders within the Department of Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Communication Disorders

Shelby Frost led the discussion and presented the motion to approve a course prefix change of EXC to ASL American Sign Languages Courses, Educational Psychology, Special Education and Communication Disorders within the Department of Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Communication Disorders. **Rationale:** The GSU-GPC consolidation working group for Education programs recommended changing the prefix for the American Sign Language courses to ASL for both campuses. The courses affected by the change at the GSU campus are: EXC 1001 Elementary American Sign Language I, EXC 1002 Elementary American Sign Language II, EXC 2001 Intermediate American Sign Language I, EXC 2002 Intermediate American Sign Language II, EXC 4370 American Sign Language and Deaf Culture I, EXC 4380 American Sign Language and Deaf Culture II

These courses are options in Area C of the Core Curriculum; B.I.S. Human Learning and Development; and the B.S.E. Special Education Deaf Education programs. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion from Graduate Council to approve the College of Education & Human Development’s Graduate Research Faculty Policy and Graduate Professional Faculty Membership Policy

Chara Bohan led the discussion and presented the motion to approve the College of Education & Human Development’s Graduate Research Faculty Policy and Graduate Professional Faculty Membership Policy. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.