Admissions and Standards Committee
6 February 2014
3:00

Members Present: Dwight Brooks (Chair), Kathleen Therrien (Secretary), Mitzi Brandon, Theresa Davis, Joshua Harms, Jeong Hwa Lee, Ann Reaves, Theresa Thomas, Joshua Young; email votes: Jim Calder, Virginia Dansby, Brian Robertson, Rachel Wilson, Gabrielle Gassaway

I. Approval of minutes of 5 December meeting
- The minutes were reviewed by the Committee
- Motion to approve was made and seconded; minutes approved by acclaim
- Minutes will be posted to the website

II. Psychology pre-major requirements proposal discussed
- The floor was opened for Dr. Greg Schmidt's presentation of the proposed change: Psychology would like to establish pre-major candidacy requirements and a GPA requirement for all prospective majors
- Question was raised whether there would be any exceptions to the requirements outlined in the proposal
- Drs. Schmidt and Boyer-Pennington noted that students can be re-appraised at 45 hours and that there are no restrictions on upper-division courses (so students can re-apply if they do not meet requirements at 30 hours and can still take UD classes if they are not in the major)
- It was noted by Drs. Schmidt and Boyer-Pennington that advising can help dedicated prospective majors find ways to strengthen their records and meet requirements
- Question was raised whether there would be majors that non-qualifying students would be steered toward
    - Response suggested that focus would be on helping students succeed: advising could help students avoid bottlenecks and PSYC 2000 course could help students make sound decisions about their choice of major
- Dr. Brooks noted that some committee members have concerns and that Dr. Bartel feels that the proposal is sound
- Question was raised whether the proposed requirements might scare prospective majors away
    - Dr. Schmidt noted that many students are actually very optimistic and that required science element often surprises them and overwhelms those motived by desire to help
- Question raised about whether the required candidacy courses fall into the "high DFW" list
    - Response stated that no, they do not; some courses are being reviewed to work on pedagogy and best practices, and there will be tutoring available
- Question was raised about whether this was common practice; answer was yes
- Ms. Thomas noted that the proposal involves no changes from typical procedure. She also noted that
    - Requirement of 30 hours at MTSU must be looked at because of dual enrollment and AP credit
    - Overall GPA must be 2.0, not gen ed GPA
    - Her office has checked to ensure that groups of students will not be impacted differently—they will not
    - There is a question of whether it will be a seamless transition
- Question raised: will it be retroactive?
    - Response noted that change is effective Fall 2014, so catalog-dependent
- Question was raised about whether students could move into the major after 45 hours

    - Dr Schmidt said yes; they just need to have prerequisites done (especially/usually PSYC 2000)
- Question raised whether the proposal is in line with the transfer pathway
    - Response was yes; students just need PSYC 2000 when they arrive at MTSU
- Motion made to approve; proposal approved by vote
    - Noted that one non-voting ex-officio member had noted objections electronically

III. Selection of next meeting time

- Dr. Brooks noted that poll suggested that best next time is Friday, 7 March at 1:00; for meeting after that, Tuesday, 8 April at 2:00 or Monday, 7 April at 3:00
    - 8 April selected by acclaim

IV. Discussion of revised Committee protocols

- Revised Committee protocols distributed; noted that the creation of Vice-Chair position is the only change
    - Will be voted on at next meeting or electronically if no further proposals are submitted
    - NOTE: since no meeting was held on 8 April, committee members voted on the revised protocols electronically. They were approved by vote on 7 April.

V. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved
- Meeting was adjourned.