

BSLAS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
November 18, 2019
Meeting Notes

Morrison Hall 304
 2:00 p.m.

Attending

Randy Prus, Chair
 John Mischo
 Charles Matthews
 Lei Qian
 Susan Hodson, ex officio
 Carolyn Fridley, ex officio

Not attending

Maribeth Nottingham
 Tristan Eggener
 Tim Sneed

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Randy Prus.
2. Approval of minutes. Charles Matthews made the motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2019, seconded by Lei Qian. Minutes were approved by acclimation.
3. Program Review. Data has been sent to the committee. Over the holiday break Randy Prus will write the Program Review, and the first draft will be sent to the committee for feedback in February. Some questions will be difficult to address, so we will do the best we can. Further drafts will be considered by the committee at the March and April meetings.

The committee reviewed three reports from Kristie Luke, Associate Dean, Institutional Research & Records: (1) number of LAS graduates by category, (2) courses most frequently taken by LAS majors, (3) percentage of online courses taken by LAS majors. Regarding the report of courses most frequently taken by LAS majors, Charles Matthews noted that several courses listed have not been offered in 20 years and asked whether those courses should be included in the Program Review. A possible recommendation to come from the Program Review might be for departments to approve the courses to be included.

4. Sub-committee report. Charles Matthews reported that the sub-committee met with Brad Ludrick and Marlin Blankenship to discuss the possibility of creating a new option for the LAS, tailored to meet the needs of Native American students. (Sub-committee members include Charles Matthews, Marlin Blankenship, Randy Prus, and Carolyn Fridley.) There seemed to be agreement among the sub-committee to add a new option (a 7th Group). Brad Ludrick will meet with Choctaw administrators to discuss the kinds of skills they are looking for to enhance inter-intra tribal relations and with federal and state private contractors. The sub-committee will meet again on December 5, 2019 to discuss Brad Ludrick's findings. It was noted that there is currently a minor in Native Studies, a masters in Native Studies, but no bachelor degree. Including Native American culture is a consideration because it would be useful as a Nation, but an emphasis could be on being a manager at the Nation. Randy Prus noted that Julie Boyd & Jim Parish (administrators at the Choctaw Nation) would provide valuable input.

Randy Prus said that Kitty Campbell, Chair of Management & Marketing and Accounting & Finance should be consulted about Management courses that may have prerequisites. Carolyn Fridley will meet with Kitty Campbell prior to the February, 2020 meeting.

5. Discussion of membership of the BSLAS Coordinating Committee. "The Director or designee of the AAOC...will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members." Randy Prus suggested that the membership should be re-visited if another option (a 7th Group) is added for Native Studies. Currently there is a faculty member representing each Group.

6. Adjourn. Charles Matthews made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lei Qian. The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Fridley