**Undergraduate Program Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 5, 2021 12:30-1:30PM

[https://washington.zoom.us/j/92194175091](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://washington.zoom.us/j/92194175091&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1633893056358990&usg=AOvVaw0dALMQ2_wE9QhbD3CGrza2)

Voting members: J. Heckman (C), R. Jindal, E. Shankus, E. Zhang

Committee: M. Eberly, A. Steffens, K. Barker, H. Norbjerg

Additional attendees: K. Janz, S. Cheney, and M. Bergman

**Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2021 – J. Heckman**

* Approved: Two approved, two abstained

**Undergraduate program refresh review and vote – M. Eberly**

* Review of taskforce activities and processes
* Future next steps
  + Gap analysis
  + Development of revised curriculum
  + Development of assessment measures
* Overview of vision and competency goals
* Discussion: does the UPC want to send the refresh vision and competencies back to the task force for revision and not move it forward to the faculty to vote? Or are we confident in the process enough to move it forward?
  + Any changes to the goals will need to go back to the taskforce and then be resubmitted to the UPC for a vote
* Vote for approval of Undergraduate Program committee vision and competency goals to move forward to a faculty vote
  + All approved

**TGFIN 440 and TBUS 490 cross study, study abroad syllabus proposal – M. Bergman**

* Review of different but compatible foci for the two courses, 5 credits
* Course has been sent to OGA for approval
  + Our approval is required prior to OGA approval
* Benefit of cross listing: We can pick up students from outside Milgard. SIAS has agreed to count the TBUS 490 course in their department
* Course has previously been approved for China study abroad
* Activities
  + Visiting the Museum of the mint in Madrid, talking with folks there about finance and economics (process of finance and coinage invention and work)
  + Day trip to the Royal Mit which has an ancient press
  + UNESCO world heritage site – preserving history and the impact of business (Roman gold mine). Foundation for discussion on how international trade decisions can be seen in the future.
  + National Cybersecurity Institute of Spain – impact on finance and econ and to secure data
* UPC members brought up course numbers and options.
  + Agreed to change TBUS 490 to TBGEN 468
  + Move to approve with change to TBGEN 468: International Business Field Experience
* VOTE to approve TFIN 440 and TBGEN 468
  + 3 approve, 1 abstain

**Writing Admission Criteria overview – M. Eberly**

* Background: WSA was used as an admissions criterion to ensure students had sufficient writing skills to succeed in Milgard
* Concerns have been raised over the years re: reliability and validity of the WSA and if it is predictive of success
  + Stephen Norman conducted a review to assess if the WSA is predictive. He found that it was not a strong predictor.
* During COVID, Milgard waved the WSA requirement and accepted students’ composition grade as an alternative
* Marion completed a multiple regression analysis for WSA vs Composition score as predictive of program success (reflected by GPA).
  + Business GPA is strongest predictor
  + WSA is stronger than composition as predictor, but neither is statistically significant
* Admission Index
* Do we want to keep the WSA in the future?
  + To be addressed in a future meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 1:32pm