

**Troy University Undergraduate Academic Council Minutes**  
**October 11, 2017**

**Meeting location: Colleagueview Conference Room with additional locations by WebEx .**

**Call to Order**

UGAC Chair, Shellye Vardaman was absent due to an accreditation meeting Dr. Hal Fulmer called the meeting to order at 3:05 and Christine Haug called the roll.

**Voting Members Present-** Heidi Beattie, Ernest Capozzoli, Kanessa Doss, Aaron Hagler, Joel Frank Hammonds, Thomas Hogan, Rachel Hooper, John Jinright, Jerry Johnson, Meg Milligan, Dena Mitchell, Carol Moore, Karen Ross, Frank Thompson, Zhiyong Wang, and Huijun Yi.

**Voting Members Absent-** Tim Buckner (excused), Carrie Lee Gardner, and Barbara Metzger.

**Guest attending** – Doug Davis, Pete Howard and Michael Slobodchikoff.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** Approved Electronically

**Legend:** **New Courses**  
**Revised Courses /Majors/Minors**  
**Renumbered Courses**  
**New Majors or Minors**  
**Eliminated Courses**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

**1. Michael Slobodchikoff was present to discuss 4 new courses for the Political Science Program.**

**POL 11XX**      **Politics in the Digital Age (3)**  
The digital age has revolutionized the way that people get information and communicate. Where communication and information-gathering once took time and expertise, in the digital age, information and communication is now virtually instantaneous. This is both a benefit and hindrance to politics. On the one hand, candidates can have instant communication with supporters and the people that they represent. On the other hand, the ease of sharing information and communication lends itself to false narratives and presenting alternative truths. This class will examine digital media as a political tool. Students will learn how different digital media is from traditional media. They will learn positive and negative aspects of politics in the digital age. Students will be expected to actively engage in the political process through digital media. This class is a general studies course and will fulfill the general studies requirement.

**POL 11XX**      **Politics and Popular Culture (3)**  
Politics and popular culture have always been closely connected. Politicians seek to show how connected they are to the public, and try to use media and popular culture to do this. In this class, we will spend time learning how to define “politics” and “popular culture” so that we can understand how they interact. We will identify examples of politics being expressed in popular culture, and explore times when popular culture appears to have affected politics. There is an emphasis on the historical progression of mass media, as well as the influence of the media on politics and policies.

**POL 22XX Elections (3)**  
Students taking this course will learn to apply critical thinking skills to the task of understanding the process by which citizens of democratic societies elect their political leaders. Not limited to elections in the U.S., and among other things, this course emphasizes the role of elections in democratic theory, the electoral process and how it has changed over time, how citizens process the information needed to make decisions in elections and the role of the media, as well as the impact that gerrymandering and demobilization efforts have on electoral outcomes. We will explore the impact of elections on public policy, and the impact of public policy on elections. Discussion topics will include political parties, interest groups, voter fraud, voter intimidation, candidate-centered campaigns, campaign advertisement, ethics, and the role of rhetoric in elections.

**POL 22XX Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3)**  
This introductory course introduces students to the study of terrorism and a discussion and critique of common counterterrorist strategies. It conceives terrorist violence as a politically motivated act employed to yield calculated political results. Thus, the goal of the course is to examine theoretical explanations of terrorist violence, the history of terrorism as a political strategy, and the difficulties encountered by states seeking to engage in counterterrorism.

Motion was made by Aaron Hagler to approve the new courses.

Second was made by Frank Hammonds.

Motion passed.

## **SORRELL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

No Agenda Items

## **COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND FINE ARTS**

- 1. Pete Howard was present to discuss changes to the Humanities Minor.**

### **Current:**

#### **Humanities Minor (18 Hours)**

~~ART 3302 (3) History of the Arts~~  
~~CLA 2260 (3) Classical Mythology~~  
~~CLA 2290 (3) Classical Literature in English Translation~~  
~~PHI 2203 (3) Introduction to Philosophy~~  
~~PHI 3301 (3) Western Philosophy~~  
~~REL 2280 (3) World Religions~~

**Proposed:**

**Humanities Minor (18 Hours)**

*Select 18 hours from three of the five areas.*

*No more than 9 hours may be elected in any one area.*

**I. Fine Arts**

ART 2250	(3)	Survey of Art History I
ART 2251	(3)	Survey of Art History II
MUS 2250	(3)	Survey of Western Music History I
MUS 2251	(3)	Survey of Western Music History II
THE 4443	(3)	Theatre History I
THE 4444	(3)	Theatre History II

**II. Thought and Belief**

PHI 3301	(3)	Western Philosophy
PHI 3320	(3)	Non-Western Philosophies
PHI 3322	(3)	Philosophy of Religion
HIS 3302	(3)	History of Religion in the United States

**III. Culture and Society**

HIS 3346	(3)	Cultural History of the United States to 1877
HIS 3347	(3)	Cultural History of the United States since 1877

*Approved courses with a humanities focus.*

**IV. Language and Literature**

Approved language courses with a humanities focus and literature courses in all languages.

**V. Travel and Study**

*Approved travel study courses with a humanities focus.*

Dr. Fulmer discussed listing the Humanities Minor in the College of Communication and Fine Arts. He suggested putting a header in the College of Arts and Sciences of the relocation of this minor. All members present agreed.

Meg Milligan asked who would be the faculty to approve courses not listed for this minor. Dr. Fulmer suggested Pete Howard and the members agreed.

Motion was made by Rachel Hooper to approve the changes to the minor and relocation.

Second was made by John Jinright.

Motion passed.

**2. Pete Howard was present to discuss a new course, CLA 22XX Greek and Roman Culture.**

**CLA 22XX Greek and Roman Culture (3)**

*A survey of the cultural achievements of the ancient Greeks and Romans.*

Motion was made by Heidi Beatti to the new course.

Second was made by Earnest Capozzoli.

Motion passed.

### 3. Hal Fulmer was present to discuss change in Prerequisites for School of Journalism and Communication courses.

- ADJ 3350 Advertising Sales (3)**  
Discussion and practical experience in servicing accounts and selling advertisements. Emphasis on building client relationships and delivering effective sales presentations.  
*Prerequisite: ~~JRN 2220~~, ADJ 2220*
- JRN 4460 Network Sports Production (3)**  
Supervised experience in television sports production, including in-depth fieldwork with the Troy University Athletics Department and the sports network, ESPN3. Students will shoot and edit sporting events for use on ESPN3. Weekend work is required.  
*Prerequisites: ~~JRN 3327 or JRN 4413 or permission of the Director of the Hall School of Journalism and Communication.~~*
- JRN 4495 Communication Seminar (1)**  
Study of issues related to communication theory, the history and future of communication industries, the impact of online communication and ethics. Additionally, students will create a professional portfolio.  
*Prerequisite: This class is for Juniors and Seniors only.*

Motion was made by Thomas Hogan to approve the prerequisite changes.

Second was made by Zhiyong Wang.

Motion passed.

### 4. Hal Fulmer was present to discuss the addition of course to the Communication Studies Track.

#### Communication Studies Track

##### *Area V Requirements:*

- COM 1101 (3) Introduction to Communication  
COM 2241 (3) Fundamentals of Speech  
JRN 1100 (3) Technologies in Journalism  
PRJ 2230 (3) Introduction to Public Relations  
**OR**  
ADJ 2220 (3) Introduction to Advertising  
TROY 1101 (1) University Orientation

##### *Required Courses:*

- COM 2231 (3) Interpersonal Communication  
COM 3326 (3) Conflict Management  
COM 3328 (3) International/Intercultural  
Communication

##### **OR**

- COM 3380 (3) Travel Study in Journalism and  
Communication

COM 3345	(3)	Group Discussion and Leadership
COM 3360	(3)	Communication Research
COM 4420	(3)	Propaganda and Persuasion
COM 4424	(3)	Rhetorical and Communication Theory
JRN 4440	(3)	Advanced Technologies in Journalism
JRN 4495	(1)	Communication Seminar

*Select 11 hours including COM 2251 or from the following:*

*ADJ, COM, JRN, or PRJ courses.*

*OR other approved upper level course electives in journalism, theatre, music industry, art and design, or foreign languages.*

Motion was made by Huijun Yi to approve the change.

Second was made by Meg Milligan.

Motion passed.

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **1. Frank Hammonds was present to discuss change in structure of the Psychology Major.**

#### **Current:**

#### **PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR**

##### **Specialized General Studies Requirements**

##### *Area IV*

##### *Required (6 hours)*

PSY 2200 (3) General Psychology

~~OR placement in~~

~~PSY 2201 (3) Honors General Psychology~~

PSY 2210 (3) Developmental Psychology

##### **Area V**

Required (3 hours)

PSY 2230\*\* (3) Orientation to Psychology

*Electives (18 hours)-Students must choose an additional 18 hours of free electives.*

~~\*\*This course is a prerequisite for PSY 3311, PSY 3380, PSY 4405, PSY 4421, PSY4451, and PSY 4460.~~

#### **Required Core (24 hours)**

~~PSY 3301 (3) Basic Statistics~~

~~PSY 3304 (3) Abnormal Psychology~~

~~PSY 3311 (3) Research Methods~~

~~PSY 3340 (3) Psychology of Learning~~

~~PSY 3380 (3) Social Psychology~~

~~PSY 4421 (3) Physiological Psychology~~

~~PSY 4451 (3) History and Systems of Psychology~~

~~PSY 4460 (3) Cognitive Psychology~~

~~-~~

~~Select at least 12 hours of additional psychology courses.~~

~~Some courses may require instructor approval.~~

**Proposed:**  
**PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR**

**Specialized General Studies Requirements**

**Area IV**

**Required (6 hours)**

PSY 2200	(3)	General Psychology
PSY 2210	(3)	Developmental Psychology

**Electives (18 hours)**-Students must choose an additional 18 hours of free electives.

**Major Requirements**

**Required Core (12 hours)**

PSY 2230	(3)	Orientation to Psychology
PSY 3301	(3)	Basic Statistics
PSY 3311	(3)	Research Methods
PSY 4480	(3)	Senior Seminar in Psychology

**Group 1 (Select 2 Courses – 6 hours)**

PSY 3310	(3)	Sensation and Perception
PSY 3340	(3)	Psychology of Learning
PSY 3370	(3)	Comparative Psychology
PSY 3385	(3)	Evolutionary Psychology
PSY 4421	(3)	Physiological Psychology
PSY 4460	(3)	Cognitive Psychology

**Group 2 (Select 2 Courses – 6 hours)**

PSY 3304	(3)	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 3312	(3)	Psychology of Women
PSY 3315	(3)	Cultural and Diversity
PSY 3380	(3)	Social Psychology
PSY 4402	(3)	Principles of Counseling
PSY 4450	(3)	Theories of Personality

**Group 3 (Select 2 Courses – 6 hours)**

PSY 3330	(3)	Health Psychology
PSY 3332	(3)	Family Violence
PSY 3360	(3)	Forensic Psychology
PSY 4410	(3)	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
PSY 4451	(3)	History and Systems of Psychology
PSY 4459	(3)	Applied Behavior Analysis

**Group 4 (Select 2 Courses – 6 hours)**

Select any 2 psychology courses not completed in another area.

Motion was made by Aaron Hagler to approve the changes.

Second was made by Karen Ross.

Motion passed.

## **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

No Agenda Items

- Information Items:**
- Social Science-based Economics major (BA/BS with major in Economics) will be relocating its administrative oversight to the Sorrell College of Business.
  - Leadership Development Concentration is being removed from the B.S. in Social Sciences major and will be housed in the College of Education under Psychology.

**Dr. Fulmer made a statement of how proud the UGAC was that Frank Hammonds received the Malone award and Congratulated Dr. Hammonds.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:43.**