UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Annual Report, 2008-2009

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Academic year 2008-2009 action priorities as assigned by Committee A:

- maintenance and revision as needed of the policy statement guiding decisions for BAIS program waivers and substitutions
- evaluation of student petitions for waiver or substitution of program requirements and make recommendations to the Director
- maintenance of the undergraduate advising handbook, aligned with the responsibilities of faculty specifically assigned to the BAIS program
- In conjunction with the Curriculum Committee,
  - evaluate the potential of courses currently in the graduate programs for slash listing as undergraduate courses.
  - Explore the potential for creating a BAIS degree requirement section for information technology classes, both those classes that are currently approved for the undergraduate curriculum and those that may become approved for slash listing
    Make recommendations to the Curriculum Committee for changes deemed appropriate and useful to undergraduate program delivery.
- Review and update the Undergraduate Student Manual

Activities:

- Petition for the course LIS 2003 to be a University General Elective in the Social Science category.
  - Petition accepted

- Course slash-listing: One course is now in the process of being slash-listed, combining LIS 4003, and LIS/KM 5603 into one course with a revised description and objectives.
  - This is now in the hands of the Curriculum Committee

- BAIS Curriculum Changes
  - Addition of new statistics electives, these courses will provide additional options for our students in the Statistics Major Support Category
• PSY 2003 Understanding Statistics
• SOC 3123 Social Statistics
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• Change to courses in Major Requirements
  • Adopting a more flexible course subject area requirements with the language "The list of approved courses for this category is available from the department." Instead of having a list of courses on the degree sheet.
  • Since the School will now maintain the list of acceptable courses, the School will be able to add/remove courses from subject areas without having to petition for a program change.

• Addition of an Information Technology Category to the Major Requirements
  • This new category will give students additional opportunities to take technology focused programs.
  • 3 hours will be required in this category.

• Moving of the Economics category to the Major Support Requirements
  • This is a response to the creation of the new Information Technology Category.

• Moving of the Technical Writing category to the Major Requirements
  • This is a response to the creation of the new Information Technology Category.

• Adopting a limit of 2Xs for an Information Studies Core course to be attempted
  • This is an item finalized from the previous year.
  • Students will be given the opportunity to petition to take a course after the 2 attempts have been exhausted.
  • This is designed to be a method for providing counseling to students about their degree and career plans.

• Adopt the same degree sheet for the online degree (1601B) as the traditional degree (1601A)
  • Currently there is no degree sheet for the online degree program.

• For next year, the committee will suggest the following items be addressed.
  • create policies and procedures for updating the list of courses for the Major Requirements Categories
  • review the courses within each Major Requirement Category to look for any new editions or removals
  • create policies and procedures for students to petition to take an Information Studies Core course after their 2 attempt has expired
  • review/update the BAIS Student Manual, with an eye toward online students as well as traditional students.