

**Admissions and Credits Committee
March 30, 2023**

Members Present

Ed Beason
Daniel Braun
Monic Ductan
Harry Ingle
Carol McGee
Robert Owens
Susan Piras for Barbara Jared
Tom Timmerman
Lenly Weathers
Stephanie Wendt
Rachel Wingo
Rena Wood

Members Absent

Seong Park
Dennis Tennant
Hannah Thomas
Kayla Wilson

Guests

Tammy Boles
Karen Lykins
Frank Tittle
Chris Wilson

Dr. Beason called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Wendt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented to the committee and Prof. Piras second the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of September 16 Minutes

Dr. Wendt made the motion to approve the minutes as presented to the committee and Prof. Piras second the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Course Credit Change for AP Exam Environmental Science

Dr. Beason recognized Dr. Tammy Boles to present the item for the School of Environmental Studies regarding the change in credit awarded for the AP Environmental Science exam. Currently, the University awards BIOL 3130. Dr. Chris Brown and Dr. Steve Sharp had discussed the exam and what would be a better equivalent course to award. An introductory course in environmental studies would be a better option but the only course offered at this time is ESS 1100 which is not considered equivalent. In the future, the School of Environmental faculty plan to present an environmental science sequence that will have a natural science focus. The request is to change the credit from BIOL 3130 to an elective in environmental studies until the course sequence is approved effective Fall 2023. When the courses are approved an item will be presented to the committee to change the credit awarded. Dr. Owens made the motion to approve and Ms. McGee second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Basic Engineering Admission Requirements

Dr. Beason recognized Dr. Chris Wilson to present the change in admission requirements for the basic engineering program. Dr. Wilson shared with the group that the current admission requirements for the basic engineering program are the same as the College of Engineering: 3.0 high school GPA, ACT composite score of 20, and ACT math subscore of 22. He is requesting that the admission requirements for the basic engineering program be changed effective Fall 2023 to a 2.85 high school GPA, ACT composite score of 18, and ACT math subscore of 19. This change will allow students who were previously admitted into the College of Interdisciplinary Studies with interest in the engineering majors due to not meeting the admission requirements to be admitted directly into the basic engineering program. The Basic Engineering program has several courses to assist students in preparing for the degree-granting programs. Dr. Owens made the motion to approve the change in admission requirements effective this fall. Dr. Wendt second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Holistic Review Committee

Dr. Beason recognized Dr. Frank Tittle to share information regarding the holistic review committee's actions for the past academic year. Dr. Tittle shared that 163 applicants had been notified to provide additional information for the committee to review. Of those 163 applicants, 140 have submitted the information. Forty-three have been admitted for the spring, summer or fall semester 2023. We have twenty-five applicants that need to be reviewed for summer or fall 2023.

Dr. Tittle informed the committee that the transfer applicant sliding scale had not been implemented yet due to the committee approving at the September meeting and the scale not being presented yet to Academic Council as an informational item. Academic Council is scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 12 and Dr. Beason will present.

Chair Election

Dr. Beason recognized Dr. Timmerman to present the slate for chair nominees. Dr. Timmerman, Dr. Wendt and Prof. Wood served as the chair election committee and nominated Dr. Beason to serve

another year as the chair of the committee. Dr. Timmerman the motion to elect and Dr. Wendt second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Such Other Items

Dr. Timmerman made the motion to adjourn and Prof. Piras second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.