Governance Actions
May 2015 – September 2015

The Curriculum

Program actions:

CHEMISTRY – conducted a self-study with reactions from the AAC, from the Dean to the Chair, and from the Dean to the Provost.

COMPUTER SCIENCE – change of electives (adding COMP SCI 358 Data Communication and Computer Networks) for major, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

EDUCATION – new degree (Ed.D. in First Nations Education), approved by chairs of FNS and Education, PS Dean, GSC, Faculty Senate, and Provost for Fall 2016 (HLC approval still needed).

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY – adding new major to catalog, approved by chairs of ET and NAS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY – adding new major to catalog, approved by chairs of ET and NAS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY - conducted a self-study with reactions from the Graduate Studies Council, from the Dean to the Chair, and from the Dean to the Provost.

HISTORY – added course (HUS/DJS 365 US Labor and the Working Class) to the major, approved by chairs of History and HUS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

GEOSCIENCE - conducted a self-study with reactions from the AAC, from the Dean to the Chair, and from the Dean to the Provost.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY – adding new major to catalog, approved by chairs of ET and NAS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS - conducted a self-study on both the Environmental Policy and Planning and the Public Administration programs with reactions from the AAC and from the Dean to the Chair.

THEATRE AND DANCE – conducted a self-study with reactions from the AAC, from the Dean to the Chair, and from the Dean to the Provost.

Course actions:

ART 309 Intermediate Painting: Oil Painting – change in periodicity, approved by chairs of Art, Design, AND, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

ART 310 Intermediate Painting: Media Exploration – change in periodicity, approved by chairs of Art, AND, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

COMP SCI 161 Overview of Programming Constructs with Visual Basic – course deactivate, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

COMP SCI 240 Discrete Mathematics – change of prerequisites, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

COMP SCI 351 Data Structures – change of prerequisites, approved by Chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Spring 2015

COMP SCI 361 Information Assurance and Security – new course, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

COMP SCI 450 Theory of Algorithms – change of prerequisites, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

COMP SCI 451 Database Design and Applications – change of title (to Database Systems and Big Data Processing), course description, periodicity, and prerequisites, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

COMP SCI 452 Operative Systems Using LINUX – change of prerequisites and periodicity, approved by chairs of Computer Science and ICS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

DESIGN 375 Communication Skills: Language of Metaphor – course deactivated, approved by AND Chair for Spring 2015.

DJS/HIST 365 US Labor and the Working Class: Past and Present – new course, approved by chairs of HIST and DJS for Fall 2015.

HIST 337 The Rise of Islamic Civilization to 1800 – added to General Education (Global Culture), approved by chairs of History and HUS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015

HIST 354 History of Modern East Asia – added to General Education (Global Culture), approved by chairs of History and HUS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

HIST 356 History of Modern Africa – added to General Education (Global Culture), approved by chairs of History and DJS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

HIST 358 Political History of Modern Latin America – added to General Education (Global Culture), approved by chairs of History, Political Science, and DJS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

HUS 375 Humanities, Business and Critical Thinking – new course, approved by HUS Chair, LAS Dean, GEC (for Humanities requirement), AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

ILS 198 Leadership Seminar I – change in drop status, approved by chairs of ILS and HUD, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Spring 2015.

PHIL 213 Ancient Philosophy – change in course description, approved by chairs of Philosophy and HUS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.
PHIL 216 Introduction to Asian Philosophy – change in course description, approved by chairs of Philosophy and HUS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.
PHIL 217 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion – new course, approved by chairs of Philosophy and HUS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.
PHIL 309 Religion and Medieval Philosophy – updated course description approved by chairs of Philosophy and HUS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.
PHIL 326 Philosophy, Politics, and Law – change of course description, approved by chairs of Philosophy, DJS, and HUS, LAS Dean, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.
PHIL401 Plato and Aristotle – change in course topics, approved by chairs of Philosophy, ILS, HUS, LAS Dean, GEC, AAC, and Provost for Fall 2015.

THEATRE 356 Production Practicum: Properties and Scene Painting – new course, approved by Theatre Chair, LAS Dean, AAC and Provost for Fall 2015.
THEATRE 357 Production Practicum: Wardrobe and Makeup Crew – new course, approved by Theatre Chair and LAS Dean.
THEATRE 358 Performance Practicum: Musical – new course, approved by Theatre Chair and LAS Dean.

Personnel Practices
HR and the SOFAS office have realized they were sending out contradictory guidance on the performance reviews of instructional academic staff and will coordinate better in the future.

Governance Structures and Policies
A number of areas in which current handbooks are now at odds with recent changes in state statutes have been identified and governance groups will be working on proposing changes in the coming months.