

Minutes of the December 19 Meeting of the Undergraduate Council of the University Senate

Minutes prepared by Hanna Nekvasil, Chair

In virtual attendance: Hanna Nekvasil, chair, Erica Ayisa-Boahene, Kevin McDonnell, Deborah Serling, Madeline Turan, Kara Desanna, Diane Bello, Katherine Johnston, John Peter Gergen, Christine Pitocco. Jennifer Dellaposta

- Minutes of Nov 21 were approved

- Hanna updated the UGC on the progress made by the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) on developing an Inquiry Framework that focuses on evaluating the SBC and planning for the next generation of General Education at SBU.
 - She re-iterated the important role that the UGC plays in this process and reminded all that she and Brenda Anderson represent the UGC on this committee.

- Diane Bello led a discussion of the Bulletin language that would describe the tier/tracking policy of courses offered by the Mathematics department.
 - The department has three (3) tiered major courses. Students cannot enroll directly in MAT 320, MAT 315, or MAT 250 at the beginning of the semester (higher tier). There is a note in Solar explaining the student should enroll in MAT 319, MAT 310, or MAT 200 (lower tier) and based on performance some students are tracked (enrollment switched) into the more challenging course in the tier.
 - The bulletin descriptions for MAT320, MAT315, and MAT250 should include phrases such as:

Students wishing to take MAT320 should enroll in MAT319 initially. At about the sixth week of MAT319, an exam will be given to determine which students may move to MAT320.

Students wishing to take MAT315 should enroll in MAT310 initially. At about the fourth week of MAT310, an exam will be given to determine which students may move to MAT315.

Students wishing to take MAT250 should enroll in MAT200 initially. At about the third week of MAT200, an exam will be given to determine which students may move to MAT250.
 - Based on the previous discussion of this by the UGC, this change should be done without the students incurring a W on their transcript.
 - There was full consensus by the UGC that this process be formalized in the Bulletin.
 - Diane will draft up Bulletin statement for final review,