

## Program Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 8, 2014

**Time:** 11-1 p.m.

**Members Present:** Natalie, Hensarling, Darla O'Dwyer

### Business Conducted

#### DI

Natalie is working with the Teaching Excellence Center (TEC) to perform exit interviews with the dietetic interns. The idea is that having a person from the TEC conduct the exit interview would allow the students to speak more freely about the internship as well as the internship director, since this person is not directly related to the internship. It is important that the feedback received is honest and unbiased, which will enable Natalie to effectively improve the program.

#### DPD

Darla has sent pre-requisite changes for HMS 339, HMS 349 and HMS 429 to the curriculum committee. The pre-requisite changes are as follows:

Course	Old Pre-requisites	New Pre-requisites
HMS 339	6 hours of biology and chemistry	HMS 239 and CHE 133/133 L or CHE 111/CHE 111 L
HMS 349	HMS 339	HMS 339 or HMS 355
HMS 429	12 semester hours of HMS, KIN, or HSC	HMS 239 or HMS 339 or HMS 355

Darla has sent the revised degree plan that is intended to replace the degree plan with the core curriculum changes that was sent in Fall 13. The new focus area for Non-Registered Dietitians was added to this degree plan during the Fall 13 semester; however, major changes needed to be made to the new focus area. The degree plan, as it was sent in Fall 13, will be approved for Fall 14. The revised degree plan changes (to replace the one sent in Fall 13) are expected to be in effect for Fall 15. Lisa Stone in the Dean's office has approved the new changes.

Darla has completed the new minor, which will be called Nutrition in Healthcare and has sent it forward to the curriculum committee. This new minor will include courses that are already being taught in the program: HMS 239, 339, 435, 449, 449, and 479. We are targeting this new minor to chemistry and biology majors. Once the minor is approved, Darla and Natalie will create a flier and advertise the new minor to students in the lower level chemistry and biology courses.

The counseling center office space is being furnished. It will be located across from Darla's office, for now, space 101 D. We thought about installing a glass door that the department owns to distinguish it from the other offices; however, it may pose a problem with privacy. We will discuss shade options with Leisha Bridwell. We plan on initiating the counseling clinic in HMS 435. We will give the faculty member who teaches HMS 435 a year to develop the course. A lot will need to be done to determine the logistics of serving the public with nutrition counseling.

The Pre-Professional focus area within the FND Degree plan does not contain microbiology. Darla asked the biology Chair if botany is going to remain a pre-requisite for genetics-which is required for students to be successful for the MCAT. Botany will continue to be required; therefore, we do not have room in that focus area for microbiology. Since evidence of microbiology is required for accreditation purposes, Darla will include a fermentation project in advanced nutrition with plans to contact microbiology and develop collaboration.

We would like develop 3 cooking events and incorporate them into HMS 409 Community Nutrition. The events would be publicized to the local community and a fee will be required. This effort will help develop our program