ASCC 9/21/2020

CarmenZoom meeting 8:00-9:00am

Approved Minutes

Attendees: Bitters, Chamberlain, Coleman, Craigmile, Hamilton, Horn, Jenkins, Lam, Li, Miriti, Oldroyd, Panero, Putikka, Romero, Rush, Samuels, Steinmetz, Vankeerbergen, Vasey, Wilson

This morning, ASC Curriculum Committee voted 12-2 in support of a recommendation to extend the PA/NP option for majors and minors in the College of Arts and Sciences. Although this vote shows strong support, it is important to acknowledge that this recommendation resulted from extensive discussion to balance supporting student mental health, supporting the work of our colleagues in advising, and protecting the integrity of undergraduate education in the Arts and Sciences. We acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic has already modified instruction given the current rate of student quarantines, and we recognize that these impacts will likely continue throughout the semester. At the same time, there was strong concern for the consequences of the PA/NP option for courses within a major for our students as they transition from Ohio State into the job market or into post-degree programs. We believe it will be important to emphasize to students that this decision does not have to be made imminently and that they should take time to assess their performance in their courses and their long-term objectives before choosing this option. We have confidence in our students’ ability for success, but ultimately our decision reflects a desire to protect those with more precarious circumstances to get through these challenging times.