UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2015-16 Meeting #14, March 7, 2016

Present: Dan Eveleth, Janine Darragh, Joe Law, Patricia Hart, Kerri Vierling, Mark Nielsen, Todd Thorsteinson, Tim Prather, Jeanne Stevenson, Don Crowley, Kenton Bird, Rick Stoddardt, Heather Chermak
Absent: Ankah Guria, Matthew Brehm
Others present: Grace Miller, Rebecca Frost, Dwaine Hubbard, Caroline Payant, Ching-An Peng, Leonard Garrison.

Call to order: A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. in the Pitman Cataldo room. The February 29th minutes were approved unanimously. Rick abstained.

UCC-16-032 PSYCHOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Todd noted to the committee that the changes are primarily matters of housekeeping: “things that should have been done a long time ago.” Dan asked for questions. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-16-032f ENGLISH: NEW LINGUISTICS AND LITERACY EMPHASIS

Dan outlined the updates to the returning emphasis: the Language Acquisition course now has a number listed (408), the new EDCI Methods course is included in the requirements, and the capstone is specified. Dan asked whether there were multiple capstones required and Caroline agreed that the requirement ought to be called “Capstone” and not “Final Capstone.” Rick asked whether the new emphasis would require access to lingual library resources and Caroline responded that the department has hosted linguistics courses before without any problems. Rick noted that the linguistics database is not up-to-date, but this could be an opportunity to negotiate better access. Caroline noted that she normally uses interlibrary loans to complete her research and would welcome the chance to conduct more research online. She concluded: “I’m not sure what the question is, but I feel like I want to say yes.”

Caroline noted that the Committee tabled the proposal due to concerns about faculty workload. She explained that the English department has been working to limit the number of introductory English courses by decreasing the offering and increasing the section size. These efforts freed up two courses. She noted that the department has long term goals to hire a linguist, once the numbers support that kind of hire. It was moved and seconded to approve the new emphasis. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-16-036 BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Joe explained to the Committee that CALS released a memo opposing the inclusion of language that dealt with food science. The College of Engineering has since removed all references to food science and food engineering. Following this change, CALS pulled their memo. Joe asked for Tim’s thoughts and Tim responded that “everything’s fine” from CALS’ perspective. Kenton noted that he believed the Bi-State School of Food Science is housed in CALS and Tim affirmed.
Rick told the Committee that he is the library’s engineering liaison. He noted that when something like this is added, the library does not receive more money for engineering. Instead, the same budget will have to provide for more departments. To that end, Rick explained that the addition of an engineering department impacts all other engineering departments. Joe noted that there was money to fund the department when it was housed in CALS and Rick responded that some of that funding went to the CALS liaison. Joe introduced Ching-An Peng, the Chair of the Biological Engineering Department, and suggested that the two connect to discuss the allocation of resources. It was moved and seconded to approve the new department. The motion passed unanimously.

**UCC-16-040 ENGLISH: CREATIVE WRITING MFA**

Dan asked what the “Fugue Internship” referred to. He asked whether students would have to fulfill additional requirements in order to take the course, now that it is part of the curricular requirements. Pat responded that the publication has existed for years.

Dan noted that there are certain courses within the Business School that require permission, but they’re generally elective. Rick asked what the requirement was previously and Kenton responded that the MFA previously required that students attend 3 workshops taught by Distinguished Visiting Writers (DVW).

Dan noted that the MFA now requires 2 DVW workshops instead of 3, presumably so the department can choose better writers. Kerri noted that 598 is cross-listed with 498, so the graduate requirements are built into the description.

Pat noted that no one from English was in attendance to defend the changes. She also noted that Fugue “has been around forever.” She did not anticipate a problem accommodating graduate students, as the department is just “plugging a hole in their curriculum.” It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the MFA. The motion passed unanimously.

**UCC-16-040a MUSIC BUSINESS**

Leonard noted that this program has attracted a lot of interest over the years, as the Music program tends to lose students to more business-oriented majors within the Music School. With this new degree, he explained, the School adds three new emphases: an Arts Administration emphasis, an Entrepreneurship emphasis, and a General Business emphasis. Dan affirmed that the Business School is comfortable with the proposal. Rick asked whether many music majors pursue MBAs and Leonard responded that some do, or they seek other Music majors with business emphases. Kenton registered a suggestion for the next round of catalog changes: adding the new Events Planning course from JAMM to the list of requirements. He noted that he believed it would be more valuable than Introduction to Organizational Sciences. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the major. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan asked what would be returning to UCC and Grace responded that the Anthropology M.S. and additional Law changes would appear before UCC on March 21. Kenton asked whether the Regulation J-
3 changes could return and Grace affirmed. Pat noted that the Communication requirement changes will be handled via email.

The meeting closed at 4:00. UCC will reconvene after Spring Break, on March 21, 2016.

Grace Miller

UCC Secretary