UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
2018-19 Meeting #5, October 15, 2018

Present: David Pimentel, Cher Hendricks, Liz Brandt, Diane Prorak, Taylor Raney, Robert Heinse, Tara Hudiburg, Sanjay Sisodiya, Irene Ogidan, Jean-Marc Gauthier, Bert Baumgaertner, Mark Nielsen  
Absent: Jesse Smith, Julie Beeston, Dean Panttaja, Madi Bergeman  
Others present: Grace Miller, Dwaine Hubbard, Rebecca Frost, Mark Warner, John Crepeau, Jerrold Long

Chairperson Raney opened the meeting at 3:35. The UCC4 minutes were approved.

UCC-19-014  Office of the Registrar

SOIL 427/527 was removed from the dormant list. The list was approved unanimously.

UCC-19-012  College of Law

Jerrold Long introduced the changes. He noted that LAW 861 and LAW 996 are both standalone courses not implicated in the proposed curricular changes, although LAW 861 is a “paper course” that fulfills the J.D. writing requirement. He also noted that the curricular changes ease doctrinal requirements added in a close vote during a contentious period in the College.

With regard to the addition of LAW 817, LAW 818, LAW 859, and LAW 860, Long noted that a) students regularly blow off the skills lab and b) many 4th quartile students do not pass the bar, which 859 and 860 are specifically intended to address. He explained further that 76% of UI Law students pass the bar, but 80% is the goal. Pimentel noted that the bar passage rate is an accreditation standard because students enroll in law school with the reasonable expectation that they will eventually be authorized to practice law. Long noted that the the College of Law used to fail under-performing students, but tuition-driven education models incentivize enrollment maintenance.

The Law changes were approved.

UCC-19-010  College of Engineering

The Biological Engineering changes were approved.

John Crepeau noted that Technology Management is based in Idaho Falls and Engineering Management is based in Moscow. He explained that the two disciplines are substantively differentiated. The TM and EM changes were approved.

Crepeau noted that the ME prerequisites were changing in order to make sure that students are Mechanical Engineering seniors before enrolling. He explained that ME 341 itself ensures that students are certified. The Mechanical Engineering changes were approved.

Crepeau also noted the CHE course was listed in the wrong department.

Sanjay Sisodiya noted that there is a reference to campus restriction on one of the NE courses, but not on proposed courses in the same agenda that are also limited to certain areas. The Registrar’s Office elected to remove the language altogether. The Nuclear Engineering changes were approved.

UCC-19-011  College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

Chairperson Raney introduced the changes. He explained that English does not want to offer ENGL 445, but does want to keep it on the books. In order to keep teaching it, the Curriculum and Instruction
department propose adding an EDCI version. It was noted that EDCI 491/591 should be one credit each, not three.

The Curriculum and Instruction changes were approved.

Raney noted that the department recently underwent an accreditation visit. He also noted that DAN 211 is required twice in the major but only once in the minor because the minor is less intense. Dwaine Hubbard noted that in order to add two instances of DAN 211 to the Dance Major, DAN 211 needs to be made repeatable. The committee elected to table the Dance Major and approve all other Movement Sciences items.

The meeting was adjourned. UCC reconvenes on October 22, 2018.

Grace Miller
UCC Secretary