

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2018-19 Meeting #3, September 24, 2017

Present: David Pimentel, Cher Hendricks, Liz Brandt, Diane Prorak, Taylor Raney, Robert Heinse, Tara Hudiburg, Sanjay Sisodiya, Mark Nielsen, Dean Panttaja, Irene Ogidan, Jean-Marc Gauthier, Bert Baumgaertner

Absent: Jesse Smith, Julie Beeston, Tara Hudiburg, Madi Bergeman

Others present: Grace Miller, Dwaine Hubbard, Rebecca Frost, Mark Warner, Adam Sowards, Jennifer Ladino, Brian Ellison

Chairperson Raney opened the meeting at 3:30. The UCC2 minutes were approved.

UCC-19-004 and UCC-19-007 College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

ENGLISH

Jennifer Ladino introduced the changes. She explained that the curricular changes are intended to “right the pyramid,” as the major is currently top-heavy with upper-division courses. She explained that the department checked their changes against peer and aspirational institutions.

Chairperson Raney noted that it looked like a wholesale rewrite, but it is not. Ladino confirmed and explained that the changes are intended to “beef up the middle” of the curriculum.

Cher Hendricks asked which part of the change will prove to be most challenging for students and Dwaine Hubbard explained that the course number changes were the most complicated. Hendricks noted that students in an older catalog no longer have access to the courses they were led to expect.

It was noted that ENGL 466 Victorian Literature should have been updated to 366, consistent with the other changes.

Chairperson Raney noted that the Teaching Emphasis appeared to duplicate the English Teaching Emphasis that already exists in the department of Curriculum and Instruction. Cher Hendricks noted that the curriculum includes a reference to completing the appropriate courses listed with the Teaching Majors and Minors.

It was noted that “College of Education” should be expanded to the full name.

Dwaine Hubbard noted a typo: the changes made to 257 should also be reflected in 258 (i.e., changing “Masterpieces” to “Major texts” and adding 102 as a prereq/coreq). Ladino also noted a typo: “ENGL Survey” was left off a course prereq.

The English changes were approved.

POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY

Bert Baumgaertner introduced the changes. Elizabeth Brandt noted that “madness” is not a politically correct way to reference mental illness; Baumgaertner explained that the course is intended to represent historical perspectives. He also noted that the professor – Aleta Quinn – is very considerate and would not choose the word lightly.

Hendricks noted that no students had been enrolled in the Bioethics major since 2012. Baumgaertner explained that the minor’s low enrollment was due to an inability to offer all the courses regularly. Mark Nielsen noted that the minor could be easily marketed to Biology majors, of which there are hundreds.

The Politics and Philosophy changes were approved.

HISTORY

The History changes were approved.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Religious Studies changes were approved.

UCC-19-008 College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Taylor Raney noted that Music and Agricultural Education are the two outliers housed in the target department instead of Curriculum and Instruction. The changes were approved.

Hearing no additional questions, Chairperson Raney closed the meeting. UCC will reconvene on Monday, October 8.

Grace Miller
UCC Secretary