

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2018-19 Meeting #8, November 5, 2018

Present: David Pimentel, Diane Prorak, Taylor Raney, Sanjay Sisodiya, Bert Baumgaertner, Mark Nielsen, Dean Panttaja, Tara Hudiburg, Madi Bergeman

Absent: Jesse Smith, Julie Beeston, Robert Heinse, Liz Brandt, Irene Ogidan, Cher Hendricks, Jean-Marc Gauthier

Others present: Grace Miller, Dwaine Hubbard, Rebecca Frost, Erik Coats

Chairperson Raney opened the meeting at 3:30 pm in the Pitman Cataldo room. The UCC7 minutes were approved.

UCC-19-023 College of Engineering

The Master of Engineering is the only degree in the Engineering Management program. Erik Coats noted that the department is clarifying the Exit Requirements, which were not previously listed in the Catalog. He explained that the department has always had Options 1 and 2b, but not 2a. The committee elected to move the final sentence to precede 2a and change “30” in the first sentence to “30-31.” The Engineering Management changes were approved.

UCC-19-020 College of Science

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Mark Nielsen noted that BIOL 151 was previously offered as a special topics course. He also noted that it was no longer necessary to include the general chemistry course in the prerequisites for BIOL 300, as the courses would be auto-sequenced. Nielsen explained that the change to BIOL 474 strengthened the prerequisite by including a genetics course. It was noted that BIOL 401 is a Senior Experience course, but BIOL 401 is not.

Nielsen explained that Microbiology, Molecular Biology, and Biochemistry came over 6 years ago and inherited three programs. With the addition of Medical Science, The Biological Sciences department has 5 undergraduate majors total. He noted that striking the double-count language made the options more consistent across the five majors. He also noted that the department is considering cutting or merging one of the MMBB majors.

The committee elected to change “Select one of the following (4 cr)” to “Select four credits from the following” on page six. The Biological Sciences changes were approved.

CHEMISTRY

Nielsen explained that the Chemistry course name changes were the result of the State Board’s mandate. He also explained that 112/112L were being changed in order to attach the 1 credit recitation to the lab and not the lecture. The Chemistry changes were approved.

GEOGRAPHY

Nielsen noted that the department has three new faculty members finding their places in the curricula. He clarified that GEOG 390 was no longer sufficient to prepare students for GEOG 479, as opposed to unnecessary. The Geography changes were approved.

GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Nielsen explained that the department wanted to make the lab a corequisite for the class so that students can take the lab without the class, but not vice versa. The committee elected to remove “3 hour lec” and add “Include” in the GEOL 423 description. The Geological Sciences changes were approved.

MATHEMATICS

Nielsen noted that the proposed MATH 559 course was previously offered as a Directed Study. Bert Baumgaertner asked whether there were a minimum enrollment required to offer graduate courses and Nielsen responded that the department would never offer courses if that were the case. The Mathematics changes were approved.

STATISTICAL SCIENCE

It was moved to approve the number change for STAT 407. The motion failed. The remaining Statistical Science changes were approved.

UCC-19-026a, b, c Office of the Registrar

Dwaine Hubbard noted that all three regulation changes come per discussion at the Associate Deans Group. The committee noted that under current policy, students can avoid Fs given for academic dishonesty (etc) by withdrawing from the course after the grade is assigned. With these changes, faculty would need to notify the Registrar’s Office in order to get a hold on the student’s account to prevent them from withdrawing. Bert Baumgaertner suggested that faculty notify the Registrar’s Office of the needed registration hold before assigning the grade.

Hubbard noted that in determining how many finals a student could reasonably be expected to complete in a day, he found that the norm at peer institutions is 3. The committee elected to change the language to “four or more” to avoid ambiguity. He also noted that peer institutions vary widely as it pertains to which course is expected to reschedule in the event of four or more finals.

Hubbard noted that students frequently don’t know that the Fresh Start program exists until well after enrollment, but current standards require that students apply prior to registering for classes; this change gives students time to learn about and apply to the program. He also noted that students are not explicitly required to apply after completing 24 credits, but the Registrar’s Office would not process the application until the requirement is met. The regulation changes were approved.

Chairperson Raney closed the meeting at 4:33. UCC reconvenes on Monday, November 12, 2018.

Grace Miller

UCC Secretary