

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2019-20 Meeting #20, March 9, 2020

Members (those present in bold):

Lori Baker-Eveleth, Chair*
Mark Adams*
Bert Baumgaertner*
Julie Beeston*
Lindsey Brown
Stone Carranza*

Jim Connors*
Stephen Fox*
Jean-Marc Gauthier*
Anna Hanigan*
Cher Hendricks
Aleksandra Hollingshead*

Mark Nielsen*
Dean Panttaja
Diane Prorak*
Francesca Sammaruca
Steven Shook*
Sanjay Sisodiya*

* indicates voting member

Guests Present: Rebecca Frost, Dwaine Hubbard, Beth Scott

Lori Baker-Eveleth called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

The March 2, 2020 minutes were approved.

Announcements and Communications

- A typo in the minutes from 3/2/2020 was corrected; the next meeting is March 23, 2020.

Unfinished Business

UCC Agenda Number: UCC-20-043

Items under consideration: LARC 495, LARC 555

Speaker: Beth Scott

Discussion: Lori Baker-Eveleth asked whether the term “Geodesign” is typically used in Landscape Architecture. Beth Scott replied that it is broader than just Landscape Architecture. It is a new term that has been emerging in the design field over the last eight or nine years. Lindsey Brown asked how much of the content is new in this change. Beth Scott replied that it is difficult to say since this class has not been taught regularly for many years. It was developed by a faculty member who retired in 2015. The theme and area of emphasis is the same, but the terminology and focus has been updated. Lindsey Brown explained that if it contains more than 50% new content, it should be a new course rather than a change. Beth Scott says it still concerns applying GIS planning to regional issues, so she thinks it has the same focus. Dwaine Hubbard asked why the prerequisite requires acceptance to the MLA program when it is a 400-level course. Beth Scott thinks that is a mistake. Her version of the paperwork differs from the forms that were submitted to the Registrar’s Office. Bert Baumgaertner pointed out that the original title for this class included a roman numeral II. Is there a part one that still includes the roman numeral I? No, LARC 395 was originally the first part of this series and the title has been updated. For LARC 555, they are increasing the credits from 2 to 3. There will be an extra hour of class time per week. As it exists now, the amount of work the students were asked to perform each week was higher than

typically needed for two credit hours. They were doing 9-15 hours of work outside class each week. The students need the extra time in class each week, as well as credit for the work they are doing on their own.

Friendly Amendment: Change prerequisite of LARC 495 to LARC 395 or Permission

Motion: Steven Shook

Second: Diane Prorak

Outcome: unanimous

UCC Agenda Number: UCC-20-043

Items under consideration: B.S.L.A. in Landscape Architecture

Speaker: Beth Scott

Discussion: Lindsey Brown brought up the conversation about whether the degree should be a B.S. or a B.S.L.A. She explained that it is redundant to have a Bachelor of Science Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture. Bert Baumgaertner brought up the concern from last week that some majors need a more specific degree type to satisfy accreditation requirements. Lindsey Brown pointed out the various other institutions that have a much smaller list of degrees offered, so it must not be a huge issue for accreditation. Beth Scott reiterated their focus in these proposals, which is to prepare their undergraduate curriculum to be reaccredited as a stand-alone undergraduate program. She is unsure what the degree type requirements would be for that. She does not believe there can be a B.S. in Landscape Architecture – that is a totally different degree. That is a B.S. with a major in Landscape Architecture, which is different from a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture. Cher Hendricks pulled up the example of Berkeley and they have a BA in Landscape Architecture. Beth Scott took issue with that, saying the degree (B.A. in Landscape Architecture) does not exist. She believes there is a fundamental distinction between a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a Bachelor of Science with a major in Landscape Architecture. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that this would be left as a B.S.L.A. for now and Beth Scott would send their accrediting standards and requirements to Lindsey Brown for future consideration. Steven Shook mentioned that other peer institutions (e.g., Purdue) have many specific degrees, particularly for accredited programs. He thinks some accreditors may require that the degree type include the program. Lindsey Brown has worked with many accrediting bodies and that has not been her experience. Jim Connors asked what the difference is. If the degree requirements are the same, why would the accrediting body care? Mark Nielsen says if the accreditors actually do care about that, it means we have over-obsessed on accreditation and we should back off from that. Cher Hendricks said they do not dictate degrees and should not. The content of the degree is what matters. Bert Baumgaertner pointed out that we generally like things moving in the direction of less credit hours rather than more, but this proposal will increase the required credit hours by one.

Motion: Bert Baumgaertner

Second: Jim Connors

Outcome: unanimous

UCC Agenda Number: UCC-20-043

Items under consideration: M.L.A. in Landscape Architecture

Speaker: Beth Scott

Discussion: There was discussion, but it was ultimately determined that too many of these classes were pulled last week for this curriculum to move forward.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely: Jim Connors

Second: Steven Shook

Outcome: unanimous

UCC Agenda number: UCC-20-064

Items under consideration: General Education Additions

Speaker: Dean Panttaja

Discussion: This proposal would add PEP 495 to the list of approved general education Senior Experience classes. Rebecca Frost mentioned that this was a last-minute addition, just passed by UCGE last Thursday. Sanjay Sisodiya pointed out that the course description is just "Supervised field work." He wonders how they will ensure the content of the course consistently meets the Senior Experience requirements, since those are not outlined in that description (e.g., being integrative in nature). Dean Panttaja mentioned that this would be for Athletic Training students who work with specialists in the field. Those specialists then report back to the faculty. He noticed that PEP 495 is also used as a TA Practicum, and he does not think being a TA should count as a Senior Experience class. Lindsey Brown pointed out that PEP 498 has the exact same course description. Sanjay Sisodiya worries that allowing this will open the floodgates for counting more internships as Senior Experiences. Aleksandra Hollingshead offered to contact Cate Egan, faculty member for Movement Sciences. She does not think this is the correct course. She says that PEP 495 is taken before PEP 498, which is already on the approved Senior Experience list. The committee wondered why both need to be on the list. PEP 495 is a prerequisite for PEP 498. Rebecca Frost clarified that this proposal is for Athletic Training. They do not currently have an approved Senior Experience and their students do not take PEP 498. Cate Egan was referring to general Exercise Science and Health students. Athletic Training originally proposed a 500-level course, but the UCGE did not feel that was appropriate as an undergraduate Senior Experience. Cher Hendricks stated that if Athletic Training currently has no capstone course, they should create one. Rebecca Frost mentioned that they needed something currently on the books because there are students ready to graduate from the Athletic Training program who do not have a capstone class available to meet their graduation requirements. Sanjay Sisodiya listed the components of a legitimate Senior Experience course and reiterated his concern that those will not be covered in this class. Who will ensure that? Jim Connors believe that is the role of UCGE. Bert Baumgaertner asked if the UCC can kick this back to the UCGE. Steven Shook reiterated that this is not a fixed course and it will not be a faculty member overseeing this course. He thinks an outside person is not the right person to oversee a Senior Experience and to make sure the requirements for a capstone are being followed. Cher Hendricks mentioned that AT has 500-level clinical experience classes that are required and would be a better fit for this. However, Rebecca Frost repeated the UCGE's concern that those are graduate-level class. Cher Hendricks and Lindsey Brown explained that this is a 3+2 undergraduate plus Master's program, so seniors in the program are taking all 500-level classes anyway. Cher Hendricks thinks a 3+2 program should allow for a 500-level Senior Experience class since it is a different kind of program. Lindsey Brown wondered about the precedent this could set in terms of the Landscape Architecture 200-level and 500-level joint-listings. Cher Hendricks has been looking closely at the standards and does not think that is an issue. There was discussion about requiring PEP 498 instead of PEP 495 for the AT curriculum since it is already on the list. Mark Nielsen mentioned that this would be moot if we did not

insist on university oversight of Senior Experiences, which should be handled by academic departments. That is why he wanted to remove Senior Experiences from general education requirements this year. He also mentioned that as a member of the Academic Petitions committee, the students could petition to waive the Senior Experience requirement if the committee does not pass this.

Motion: Aleksandra Hollingshead

Second: Jim Connors (who plans to vote against it, but would like to vote)

Outcome: No vote

Motion to Send Back to UCGE: Bert Baumgartner

Second: Diane Prorak

Outcome: unanimous

UCC Agenda number: UCC-20-065

Items under consideration: MSE 517, 525

Discussion: These were added to the Inactive list by mistake – they have been taught during the past few years with enrollment, so they do not meet the typical requirements to go inactive or dormant. The criteria for that report will be generated before it is run again.

Motion: Bert Baumgartner

Second: Jim Connors

Outcome: unanimous

Additional Questions or Discussion

- Amy gave a demo of the new Course Inventory Management (CIM) software.
- There will be a vote in the next few weeks on the Vandal Gateway proposal. The Faculty Senate passed an emergency temporary policy that is valid for six months. The UCC will need to pass catalog language to extend the program beyond September.

Chairperson Lori Baker-Eveleth closed the meeting at 5:00 pm. UCC will reconvene on ~~Monday, March 23, 2020~~ Monday, March 30, 2020.

Amy Kingston
UCC Secretary