

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2020-21 Meeting #14, January 11, 2020

Members (those present in bold, * indicates voting member):

Jim Connors, Chair*
Mark Adams*
Bert Baumgaertner*
Julie Beeston*
Lindsey Brown

Jean-Marc Gauthier*
Kalynn Hanley*
Aleksandra Hollingshead*
Mark Nielsen*
Dean Panttaja

Diane Prorak*
Francesca Sammarruca
Steven Shook*
Sanjay Sisodiya*
Bronte Sone*

Guests Present: John Crepeau, Rebecca Frost, Jerry McMurtry, Melanie Meenan, Dave Paul, David Pimentel, Bruce Saxman, Vanessa Sielert, Julie Son

I. Chairperson Jim Connors called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

II. The minutes from December 14, 2020 were approved.

III. Announcements and Communications - none

IV. Old Business

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-026

Items under consideration: AGED 263

Speaker: Jim Connors

Discussion: Jim Connors is working with Ellen Kittell, History department chair. They are considering cross-listing this with a History course but have not yet gotten the department/college votes to do so. Jim would like to see the AGED course passed now and the History course created in the next curriculum cycle. Lindsey Brown reminded the committee about the requirements for cross-listed courses, including the sharing of resources. Jim replied that they have not had a chance yet to work out those details.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-028

Items under consideration: ECON 272, Operations Management B.S., Business Analytics Academic Certificate

Discussion: No speaker available now due to CBE all-faculty meeting so their items will remain tabled until next UCC meeting.

Outcome: Remain on table

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-028

Items under consideration: EDCI 408 and EDCI 410

Speaker: Aleksandra Hollingshead

Discussion: These changes clean up the curriculum because they have decoupled EDCI 410 from their methods courses.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-028

Items under consideration: DAN 101

Speaker: Dave Paul

Discussion: This is a class that students were required to take once, but now Dance majors are required to take it two times.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-028

Items under consideration: DAN 490

Speaker: Dave Paul

Discussion: They are updating the prerequisites to reflect the new requirement to take DAN 101 twice, among other things.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-028

Items under consideration: LAW 968

Speaker: David Pimentel

Discussion: This course was created years ago when they were running a domestic violence clinic in the law school. They have since shut down the clinic, so there is no longer an opportunity for students to participate directly in actual cases. However, the topic is still important. They are updating the description to match what they now offer. Steven Shook asked for clarification about the variable credits. Is that still necessary if it is just a lecture course? David Pimentel explained that they have this designation for a number of their LAW courses. They bring in adjunct faculty to teach the course, so they like to retain flexibility to allow the temporary lecturer to determine how much depth they want to offer. Francesca clarified that, for a given semester, the course is either 2 credits or 3 credits. Students do not have the option to choose their credit hours.

Outcome: Tabled temporarily until a Dance faculty member can join us

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Movement and Leisure Sciences M.S.

Speaker: Bruce Saxman

Discussion: This will offer an online option to attract more students who might not be able to attend an in-person program.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Dance B.S.

Speaker: Dave Paul, Melanie Meenan

Discussion: Lindsey Brown brought up the issue of credit hours required for this degree. It requires 128, even though there appear to be 14 credits of free electives. Dave Paul tabled the item temporarily until Melanie Meenan from the Dance program was able to join the discussion. Lindsey Brown explained that State Board policy requires undergraduate degrees to be 120 credits unless there are specific reasons

related to accreditation requirements. Dean Panttaja confirmed that policy. Melanie mentioned that historically, the degree has been 128 credits because it's a performance-based degree. They have not updated that because of the performance credit requirements. Jim Connors asked if some of the electives could be eliminated to get the degree down to 120 credits. Melanie said that could be possible, but it would need to go back to the department faculty for approval. Francesca Sammarruca asked what happens if we remain out of compliance with State Board requirements. Dean said he will work with Dance to rethink those credits moving forward. Sanjay Sisodiya asked for another clarification of why it was set at 128. Melanie explained that 1) many of their students double major, and 2) they have to take many performance-based classes and having those extra electives allows them to have a more typical B.A. experience in addition to those performance and technique hours. Melanie explained that the department has considered dropping the requirement to 120 in the past but decided not to do so. They were unaware of the State Board policy so they will revisit the issue in the future. Bert Baumgaertner pointed out that this proposal does not change the total number of credits. He is concerned that if we audit programs for credit hours when they come through with other proposed changes, it will discourage other departments from proposing needed changes to avoid that audit. He suggests we pass the proposed changes and give a heads-up that the credits need review in the future. Jim Connors agreed and reminded the committee that this issue had come up before.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Recreation, Sport and Tourism Management (B.S.Rec.)

Speaker: Bruce Saxman

Discussion: They are adding a fully online option to the program to attract more students.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Movement Sciences Undergraduate Requirements

Speaker: Bruce Saxman

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Chemical Engineering B.S.

Speaker: John Crepeau

Discussion: They are deleting CHE 455 from the requirements and replacing it with a PHYS 211 lab and one technical elective. Lindsey Brown asked about the total required credit hours. It shows 122 in one place and 128 in another. John said the 128 is correct. Jim Connors asked if CHE 455 will be dropped from the catalog. John replied that it will remain in the catalog and be considered a technical elective.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: CE 555

Speaker: John Crepeau

Discussion: This course has been taught three times as a special topic. The class originates in Boise at the Center for Ecohydraulics Research.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: CE 444

Speaker: John Crepeau

Discussion: This is a change to the course description and prerequisites.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: CE 542

Speaker: John Crepeau

Discussion: This is a change to the course description, grading method, and when the class is typically offered. Jerry McMurtry noted that this course would not be eligible for an IP grade. Those are reserved for only research courses. Rebecca explained that it will be coded the correct way automatically behind the scenes.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Music M.Mus.

Speaker: Vanessa Sielert

Discussion: They have determined through this time of Covid that this degree can be delivered online, which could increase their graduate population. Bert asked a clarifying question about Geographical Availability, seeing as this is now available online. Amy Kingston explained that the Geographic Availability question in CIM is only concerned with where the class is physically taught (i.e., in-person). The online availability issue is covered by the previous question on the CIM form.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-029

Items under consideration: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences P.S.M.

Speaker: Jerry McMurtry

Discussion: They are changing the name of the program and shifting “ownership” to the College of Graduate Studies to make this a university-wide offering. Jerry pointed out changes to the names of several of the option areas. Jerry also pointed out that the CIP code on the proposal is incorrect and he shared the new CIP code they are proposing.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

VI. Additional Questions or Discussion – none.

VII. Chairperson Jim Connors closed the meeting at 4:16 pm. UCC will reconvene on Monday, January 25, 2020.

Amy Kingston
UCC Secretary