

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2020-21 Meeting #16, February 8, 2021

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: Elizabeth Bullers, Rebecca Frost, Cassidy Hall, Edwin Lewis, Jerry McMurtry, Taylor Raney, Lori Wahl

I. Chairperson Jim Connors called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

II. The minutes from January 25, 2021 were approved.

III. Announcements and Communications

- No meeting next week due to President's Day holiday. UCC will reconvene on Monday, 2/22.

V. New Business

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-033

Items under consideration: Remote Sensing Certificate

Speaker: Steve

Discussion: They are adding REM 475 as an elective option for the certificate.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

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Items under consideration: Technology Integration Specialist Certificate

Speaker: Cassidy Hall

Discussion: This certificate is meant for those who want to support a school district as a Technology Integration Specialist. It requires 12 one-credit courses, which would not all be offered in one semester. The idea is that a student could get the full certificate within a year. Aleksandra Hollingshead added that these courses have already been approved this curriculum cycle. This proposal is just to put them together as a certificate.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

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Items under consideration: Computer Science Teaching MInor

Speaker: Cassidy

Discussion: This is a collaboration with the Computer Science department to make it possible for students to get a Computer Science teaching endorsement. Right now, the only one in the state is at BSU and is in-person. This would allow the endorsement to be completed fully online. Jim Connors asked if any Teacher Education candidate can add this endorsement. Cassidy Hall replied yes. In fact, some students are going through the program and are already in the classroom but are looking to add this endorsement to whatever they already have.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

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Items under consideration: Language Teaching majors/minors

Speaker: Taylor Raney

Discussion: The department is working with Amy Kingston to make needed changes to the Secondary Education B.S. that should accompany these changes.

Outcome: Tabled for next meeting

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Items under consideration: Global Disease Ecology

Speaker: Edwin Lewis

Discussion: This major is intended to increase enrollment. It includes a research experience at the end in which students find a mentor and do original research. It could be for students who intend to go on to graduate school or professional school (e.g. vet school) as well as those with public policy interests. It is supported by the Center for Health in the Human Ecosystem. Mark Nielsen noticed that many items in the curriculum involve choosing one of two courses. In many of those instances, one of the options is a much lower-level course than the other. If a student always chose the lower-level option, the overall scientific level of the degree might be less than he would like to see. Edwin Lewis replied that during the second year, the student would work with a mentor/advisor to choose their area of research focus. That focus area would then determine which course choice was most appropriate for them in each of those options. Mark raised a specific concern about whether the Microbiology requirement is sufficient for the degree. Edwin replied that it depends on what aspect of disease you are interested in. For example, an epidemiologist would be better served by advanced MATH/STAT courses than higher-level Biology courses. Steven Shook asked whether the name of this degree program will attract high school students. Edwin thinks it will. He thinks the interest will be there (especially in light of today's news focus) and the department will provide information to recruiters to help promote the degree. He thinks the main selling point of the degree is that students can be part of a real research lab experience as undergraduates.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

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Items under consideration: Apparel, Textiles and Design Minor

Speaker: Lori Wahl

Discussion: There are no new courses. They are bundling their existing major courses into a minor. They have students in Marketing, Mass Media, and other major areas who were interested in having an Apparels focus so this minor will give them that option. Sanjay Sisodiya thinks if they line things up correctly, these students will be only two courses away from getting a Marketing Minor as well. That

will provide students an affordable way to get a double minor. Lori Wahl says some of their students are already pursuing a Marketing Minor, so that is great!

Outcome: Passed unanimously

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Items under consideration: Anthropology M.A.

Speaker: Nobody present to speak to this item

Outcome: Tabled until next meeting

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Items under consideration: COGS Catalog Language Change

Speaker: Jerry McMurtry

Discussion: This proposal aligns the catalog language with current practices regarding assistantships. It also cleans up language regarding good standing vs. satisfactory academic performance.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

VI. Additional Questions or Discussion

VII. Chairperson Jim Connors closed the meeting at 4:00 pm. UCC will reconvene on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Amy Kingston
UCC Secretary