

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2020-21 Meeting #17, March 1, 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 Sammaruca
Steven Shook*
Sanjay Sisodiya*
Bronte Sone*

Guests Present: Shiyi Chen, Katrina Eichner, Rebecca Frost, Marvin Heimgartner, Robert Heinse, Edwin Lewis, Shelley McGuire, Taylor Raney, Brian Wolf, Darryl Woolley

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

II. The minutes from February 8, 2021 were approved.

III. Announcements and Communications

IV. Old Business

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-033

Items under consideration: Anthropology M.A.

Speaker: Katrina Eichner

Discussion: Katrina Eichner explained the changes, which include a thesis and non-thesis option and changes to the tracks students can follow in the program. Steven Shook asked about the credit hour total at the bottom, which currently show 20-35 credits required. However, by definition, a master's degree requires at least 30 credits. The narrative above mentions that 30 credits are required for the degree, but the auto-sum from CIM is showing 20-35. Rebecca said we could add that statement to the bottom of each option as well. The committee would like that to happen, and Rebecca clarified that it would be considered an editorial change.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-033, UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: Foreign Language Teaching Majors and Minors, B.S.E.D. in Secondary Education, EDCI 447

Speaker: Taylor Raney

Discussion: These proposed changes involve the consolidation of a Foreign Language Methods course and an English Language Learning course. To accomplish this, they updated the B.S.E.D. in Secondary Education and adjusted the practicum that's associated with it.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

V. New Business

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: EPPN 110, EPPN 220

Speaker: Edwin Lewis

Discussion: When developing the four-year plan for the new Global Disease Ecology program, they discovered they were two credits over the recommended 120 credits. They are scaling back these two courses to be 2 credits versus 3 credits to correct that. They will adjust the syllabus accordingly.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: New subject prefixes for FCS

Speaker: Shelley McGuire

Discussion: Family and Consumer Sciences is composed of different disciplines that all work together. They have reorganized the department, so they now have multiple majors in different subject areas (Food and Nutrition, Apparel, Textiles and Design, etc.). They are requesting new prefixes to go along with each of those majors and they will reorganize their courses accordingly next curriculum cycle. Bert Baumgaertner is concerned that these courses were all under the same umbrella, and now that they are being separated. Will there be an increase in cross- or joint-listed courses? Shelley McGuire does not think so since these subject areas are so different. Amy Kingston notified the department that additional work would be needed to create new sections from scratch for both Fall and Spring semesters during the first year because of the way sections roll. Shelley acknowledged that and thinks it will be worth the extra work for the increased exposure these prefixes will provide.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: FCS 430/530

Speaker: Shiyi Chen

Discussion: The department needs more master's level courses and this will help meet that need. Most of Shiyi Chen's students come from the Child Development and Education degrees. When she looks at their previous coursework, it focuses primarily on child development and family development. This class will fill in the gaps with other theories that students need, but do not necessarily get in those classes. Joint-listing will allow for a fuller class since this is a relatively small department. The class will focus on child development theories and their application to learning. Shiyi explained the requirements students will need to complete. Lindsey Brown asked if we could add a statement about additional work being required for graduate credit. Shiyi is happy to add that. She explained the different requirements for graduate and undergraduate students. Sanjay Sisodiya asked if this course has been taught as a Special Topic yet. Yes, it was taught last Fall as a 404. There were four upper-level undergraduate students and one PhD student enrolled. Shiyi also taught this course at a prior institution.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: B.S.S.W.S. in Agricultural Systems Management

Speaker: Marvin Heimgartner

Discussion: They are changing from 128 credits to 120 credits for the degree. They are also removing several courses that are no longer offered and making a few changes to electives to make things more flexible for students.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: Agricultural Systems Management Minor

Speaker: Marvin Heimgartner

Discussion: There were a few required courses that are no longer offered, so those are being removed. They are also adjusting which courses are required and which courses are optional.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: B.S.A.G.L.S. in Sustainable Food Systems

Speaker: Robert Heinse

Discussion: This is a relatively young degree program, started six years ago. They are reducing the course load to 120 credits total. When the degree started, it attracted mostly people who wanted to do organic farming. Now it includes more students who are interested in the intersection between organic farming and the rest of the farming infrastructure. There are two courses showing as not available. Amy Kingston researched those two courses and they are both still offered under different prefixes so she will update that accordingly in the course requirements.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: B.S.S.W.S. in Water Science and Management

Speaker: Robert Heinse

Discussion: Robert Heinse explained some of the changes.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: Management Information Systems (B.S.Bus.)

Speaker: Darryl

Discussion: This change is motivated in part by a decline in the number of faculty teaching in this major. He explained the changes, including the addition of a Computer Science course that he believes improves the curriculum.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: Finance (B.S.Bus.)

Speaker: Darryl

Discussion: They are eliminating Calculus as a requirement. It was removed from all other business majors several years ago but was retained in Finance. They have now decided that Business Analytics is sufficient for the necessary quantitative skills for Finance majors. Bert Baumgaertner wonders how big

an impact that will have on the Math department. Have they been notified of this change to help them predict future enrollments? Darryl Woolley is not aware of any communications to that respect. When the entire Business program required Calculus, it was an enrollment of over 1000. Finance students only represent an enrollment of about 100. Sanjay Sisodiya also mentioned that Finance has many double majors with Accounting, so this change will help bring the requirements for Finance and Accounting more in line. Francesca Sammarruca asked if there is any expected impact on the students by losing those Calculus skills. Darryl does not think so – he believes BUS 354 will provide them with sufficient quantitative skills.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-034

Items under consideration: Management and Human Resources (B.S.Bus.)

Speaker: Darryl Woolley

Discussion: The goal was to clean up lists to create more elective groups rather than one long list and to put the requirements more in alignment with other CBE majors. Lindsey is confused because MHR 411 and MHR 417 are both listed as major requirements, but they were also added in as options within one emphasis. Darryl explained that they should be removed from the very top list of major requirements and should only be addressed within the emphases. That change was made as a friendly amendment.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-036

Items under consideration: General Education Changes (J-3-e)

Speaker: Rebecca Frost

Discussion: These have all gone through the UCGE approval process, where learning outcomes and syllabi are reviewed to ensure they meet the general education standards. Some of these are brand new courses, others have been taught but are just now being added to the General Education lists.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-036

Items under consideration: General Education Changes (J-3-f)

Speaker: Rebecca Frost

Discussion: In this section, they identified several courses that were on both lists and they have cleaned that up this year. That explains most of the deletions.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

UCC Agenda number: UCC-21-036

Items under consideration: General Education Changes (J-3-g)

Speaker: Rebecca Frost

Discussion: These courses are being added to the list. Some are for particular emphases that did not have a designated senior experience in the past. A couple of these are also specific to Honors students.

Outcome: Passed unanimously

VI. Additional Questions or Discussion

- Sanjay Sisodiya pointed out that the version of changes passed for the CBE proposals does not match the paperwork he saw for those proposals on the departmental or college curriculum committees. There may be an issue with version control. He will coordinate with Amy Kingston, who will update the proposals and bring them back for a new vote next week, if needed.

VII. Chairperson Jim Connors closed the meeting at 4:29 pm. UCC will reconvene on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Amy Kingston
UCC Secretary