

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 3:30 pm

Meeting #17, Conducted via Zoom.

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

**Jim Connors, Chair\***

Jerry Long \*

**Lindsey Brown**

**Kalynn Hanley\***

**Hanwen Dong\***

Mark Nielson\*

Taylor Raney\*

Stacy Isenbarger\*

**Emad Kassem\***

Renee Love\*

**Dean Panttaja**

**Francesca Sammarruca**

**Steven Shook\***

**Sanjay Sisodiya\***

**Erin James\***

**Emilija Jovanovska\***

**Guests Present:** David Barnes, Rebecca Frost, Russell Meeuf, Dwaine Hubbard, Shelley McGuire

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

II. The minutes from March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were approved without objection as disseminated.

III. Announcements and Communications

NONE

IV. New Business

**UCC Agenda number:** UCC-22-075.01 College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

**Items under consideration:** Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, program additions

**Speaker:** Shelley McGuire

**Discussion:** Steven Shook noted that this program will likely not meet the timeline for the next state board meeting to get this item in the 2022 catalog. Lindsey Brown agreed. Proposal for an M.S. in nutritional sciences. Historically the University has offered an M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences and adding an M.S. in Nutritional Sciences will make the University more competitive. This M.S. has a few requirements but would mostly be open for students to put together course work that matches their interests. Jim Connors mentioned that this program would have to be for the 2023-2024 catalog. Shelley McGuire stated that was acceptable. Sanjay Sisodiya asked about how this program relates to programs at other institutions. Shelley McGuire responded that this will be the only one in Idaho and will make us competitive to our peers. Sanjay Sisodiya asked specifically about WSU and Shelley McGuire responded that they are more focused on sports nutrition whereas this program would not limit students in their specific areas of interest.

**AMENDMENT:** Change effective catalog year to 2023-2024

**Outcome:** **Approved, 7-0**

**UCC Agenda number:** UCC-22-076.01 Curricular Proposal

**Items under consideration:** Curricular Approval Workflow

**Speaker:** Russell Meeuf

**Discussion:** This item was presented to the UCC for feedback and did not require a vote. Last approval of curricular workflow was in 2001. These changes are a proposed streamlining of the process for curriculum approval, removing unnecessary workloads and trying to expedite the workflow. Significant changes include eliminating post approval checks and balances in favor of a preapproval process. The key difference in group A is removing the GCR and replacing

it with the option for petitions before it reaches the UCC during a weeklong period. Petitions would be sent to faculty senate. Groups B and C after faculty senate will no longer go to faculty meetings as they would already be sufficiently vetted and the extra layer at faculty meetings delays final approval. This also allows for the option of faculty vote. Francesca Sammarruca voiced support for these changes as they would streamline the process. Francesca Sammarruca asked if amendments are offered by the UCC, is the faculty notified. Russell Meeuf replied that that is one of the things he wanted to ask the UCC for their thoughts on but stated that his inclination was no. Sanjay Sisodiya asked about the due date of October 1<sup>st</sup> for curriculum changes and if this process is streamlined, can that date be pushed back. Lindsey Brown replied that those deadlines are important to maintain, but that items are always accepted after. Jim Connors asked about some of the different processes stated for CALS and CLASS? Russell Meeuf indicated that it is language that has been in there and he was hesitant to speak for those colleges on behalf of their processes. He has reached out to the deans of those colleges to ask if they still want that language. Sanjay Sisodiya asked about UFM's where curricular proposals have created contention, and whether that should be sorted at the UCC or UFM. He added that there aren't many faculty members who read UCC minutes regularly. Russell Meeuf responded that under this model these discussions would happen in the senate or UFM. He added that these changes are strictly to curricular process, not things like catalog changes which would remain the same.

**Outcome:** Vote not required

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V. Additional Questions or Discussion

VI. Chairperson Jim Connors closed the meeting at 4:00 pm. UCC will reconvene on if needed.

David Barnes  
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