

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Meeting #10, January 23, 2023

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

Steve Shook, Chair*
Lindsey Brown
Stacey Doumit*
Hanwen Dong*
Gwen Gorzelsky
Hector Guerrero*

Kalynn Hanley*
Georgia Harrison*
Kyle Howerton*
Stacy Isenbarger*
Emad Kassem*
Jerry Long*

Renee Love*
Jeff Bailey*
Dean Panttaja
David Paul*
Francesca Sammarruca
Jared Sherman*

Guests Present: Rebecca Frost, Mark Nielsen, Dale Graden, Annette Folwell, Torrey Lawrence, Traci Craig, Robin Johnson.

I. Chairperson Steve Shook called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

II. Announcements and Communications

Mike McCollough had a teaching conflict with UCC this semester so Jeff Bailey from CBE will be filling in for him.

III. The minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting were approved with one abstention.

IV. New Business

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Edit HIST 438 and 440 to joint list with respective grad level courses.

Speaker: Dale Graden

Discussion: Jerry Long asked to clarify that the grad courses were considered new courses. Lindsey confirmed they were.

Stacy Isenbarger commented on the level of detail concerning “the most likely class materials list.” She asked if the courses would need to go back through UCC if this list changed. Lindsey Brown mentioned that this was a function of the GenEd Committee, and it would not need to go back through UCC.

Outcome: Approved

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Edit Interdisciplinary Studies (BA or BS or BAS), to add a BAS degree.

Speaker: Steve Shook, Gwen Gorzelsky

Discussion: Steve and Gwen had a previous email conversation as to whether or not U of I was within State Board policy if it offered a BAS degree. It appears we are most likely not permitted to offer BAS degrees. Gwen has discussed this with Sean Quinlan, and he may have some ideas maybe before UCC considers the proposal.

Outcome: Tabled.

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Add General Studies (AA/AS) program.

Speaker: Annette Folwell

Discussion: Annette said this program would be added to help students who had stopped out. This would give them the opportunity to leave with a credential.

Jerry Long asked the degree map would track for someone pursuing a 4-year degree during their first two years. Annette confirmed that this would be the case. Students would have to finish the 36 hours of General Education. Should wanted to point out that they are not marketing this degree, it is only intended for students who had stopped out.

Stacey Isenbarger asked how they were marketing the degree to advisors. Annette stated that they would tell the advisors about it. They would also look at their ENR lists to see if they actually qualify.

Stacey Doumit mentioned that many of their students wouldn't have completed the GenEd requirements. Annette confirmed that those students wouldn't be eligible for the AA/AS.

Stacy Isenbarger asked if there would be a problem if a student earned an AA/AS degree, then wanted to come back for a bachelor's degree. Traci Craig replied this wouldn't be a problem.

Lindsey Brown pointed out that the curriculum portion of the proposal referred to a requirement of an academic minor. This did not match the verbiage in another part of the proposal. Annette agreed that reference to the academic minor should be removed.

Jeff Bailey asked if there were residency requirements for associates degree. Lindsey indicated that there were.

Outcome: Amended to remove reference to the academic minor and approved

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Add CRIM 500, 502, 506, 507, 511, 512, 541, 542, 543, 544, 598, 599.

Speaker: Annette Folwell

Discussion: Annette spoke for the department with the information she had about the program. Steve Shook and Lindsey Brown pointed out that the standard course numbers (500, 502, 598, and 599) didn't all have the standard course titles. Ted will update with the proper titles. Also, due to previous CIM form limitations, all the courses were listed as being offered in person in Moscow. Ted will update this is also to remove reference to in-person courses and indicate that they are all offered online.

Francesca Sammaruca and Jerry Long asked if these are new classes and if they already had people to teach them. Traci Craig replied that they are new classes and the hirings are currently going forward.

Lindsey Brown mentioned that several of the courses liked Special Topics courses and wondered if they shouldn't fall under special topics (504) instead of regular catalog courses. Stacy Isenbarger said they were likely set up as topic categories since 504s can only be offered a maximum of 3 times.

Outcome: Approved

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Add CRIM 530

Speaker: Annette Folwell

Discussion: Jerry Long commented that it sounded like two courses. Description states that the course was offered as variable credits, students will always take 2 credits in the fall and 1 credit in the spring. Annette Folwell and Kyle Howerton speculated about why it was set up as it was but were unsure. Lindsey Brown felt that if they were to remove the last sentence in the course description, "This course will be offered for 2 credits in the fall semester and 1 credit in the spring semester", it would provide more flexibility. Stacey Doumit agreed.

Stacy Isenbarger suggested sending the course back to the author. They would recommend removing that last sentence of the course description or breaking it up into two courses.

Outcome: Tabled until proposal offer can be available to answer questions.

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Add Criminology (MA)

Speaker: Annette Folwell

Discussion: Criminology is our largest undergraduate degree and growing. There is a demand in the state for a graduate degree and this program will fill that gap. It is also beneficial because it's an online program.

Steve Shook asked about incomplete items on the SBOE proposal form. Lindsey Brown confirmed that that the form should be completed prior to going to Faculty Senate and SBOE. Jerry Long commented that, as a member of the Faculty Senate, he would insist that the form be completed prior to voting on it.

Jeff Bailey noted what looked like a discrepancy in the total number of students: 5th year out 30, in the budget, 25 fulltime and 25 part time students. Traci Craig said they would fix it.

Stacy Isenbarger noted a concern that there may not be enough faculty to offer the program. Traci Craig replied that they would be going through as a cohort, so this shouldn't be an issue.

Outcome: Tabled until SBOE proposal form can be completed.

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Add JAMM 500, 510, 520, 530, 535, 540, 545, 560, 565, 570, 575, 599

Speaker: Robin Johnson

Discussion: Jerry Long asked if these would be in-person courses. Robin replied that they will all be online. Jerry went on to mention that the forms indicated the courses would be offered in person. Robin replied that the form wouldn't allow him to indicate the courses were all online. Ted Unzicker stated that the form has since been updated to indicate courses were all online and he would update the JAMM proposals to indicate this.

Jerry also asked if these would be synchronous or asynchronous. Robin indicated it would be up to the instructor.

Steve Shook and Lindsey Brown pointed out that standard course numbers should have the standardized titles. Ted will update.

Outcome: Amended to update standard course number titles as well as removing reference to in-person course locations and approved.

UCC Agenda number: UCC-23-051

Items under consideration: Add Emerging Media (MA), Strategic Media Management Academic Certificate, and Media Production Academic Certificate

Speaker: Robin Johnson

Discussion: Robin: This is a new emerging program. These are designed for professionals.

Stacy Isenbarger asked how were they insuring there is faculty support to not only offer these programs but also how would they sustain them. She's concerned about adding to faculty loads without thinking about how we will sustain them. Robin replied they requested 2 new faculty members to support the programs. Some current faculty members will pick up new classes. One person won't have to do it all. We anticipate making hires in Fall. College supports new faculty hires. Faculty will be teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses. Robin has requested the resources they will need in the proposal.

Jerry Long asked if the courses would be taught without the programs being approved. Robin said they would not teach the courses without the program.

Jerry mentioned that the new faculty were only requested for three years. How would these faculty positions be maintained after three years? Robin replied that they would hope to be self-sustaining by that time. Steve Shook commented that SBOE will hold new programs to their enrollment goals after year three of new programs.

Stacey Doumit asked how the Certificates and MA would work together. Would students be taking the certificates and MA concurrently? Robin replied that anyone coming in to take the MA would be taking the same classes required for the certificates, so it would only be a matter of the students asking to get credit for the certificates if they are already in the degree program. A lot of students would likely come in to just get a certificate.

Jeff Bailey mentioned that if they are going to require students to attend synchronously, online, this should be outlined in the catalog so students will know about this requirement. Lindsey Brown said this

isn't normally something that is included at the catalog level, but something should be included about it in the marketing materials.

Steve Shook asked Lindsey students could pursue multiple certificates and the degree. She said as long as the department allows for this, it's OK.

Steve also noted that it appears the titles for JAMM 520 and 530 had the course titles flipped on the SBOE form. Ted will update.

Outcome: Approved pending changes to SBOE form.

V. Additional Questions or Discussion - None

VI. Chairperson Steve Shook closed the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Ted Unzicker
UCC Secretary