

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: January 21, 2015

Present: Russ Lord
Jennifer Scroggins
Bonnie Graham
Richard Pierce
Jessica Baker (ex-officio)

Carl Castles
Brian Gurney
Janet Alberson
Del Brumley

Absent: Matthew Sprong
Ying Wang*

Don Wilathgamuwa*
Oscar Thomas (student)

**excused*

Guests: Florence Garcia
Trevor Brown
Susan Gilbertz
Ana Diaz

Christine Shearer-Cremean
George Harper
Tami Haaland



Rich Pierce, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The January 14 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS – FURTHER REVIEW

Item 73 AAS in Welding and Metal Fabrication Technology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 73.a Certificate of AS in Welding and Metal Fabrication Technology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 73.b Certificate of AS in Welding for Energy Technology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 73.c WLDG 152 Layout Pattern Making. Delete course.

Item 73.d WLDG 255 CNC Burn Table Programming and Operation. Delete course.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Carl Castles to **approve Items 73 through 73.d for further review on first reading.**

Trevor Brown, Welding Program, stated that CAPP 120 Introduction to Computers has been added to the welding certificate programs. It was noted that the Certificate of AS in Welding and Metal Fabrication Technology is now 42 credits, which is a lot. Mr. Brown noted that 42 is doable in one year, and is below the BOR requirement for Certificates of Applied Science. It was cited that students can also challenge out of CAPP 120.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Carl Castles, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **waive second reading of Items 73 through 73.d.**

- Motion carried.

II. ITEMS – SECOND READING

Items 40 through 42 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Department.

Item 43 GPHY 331 Political Geography. Delete course.

Item 43.a GPHY 347 Regional Geography (Multiple Regions). Delete course.

Item 43.b GPHY 440 Geography of Montana. Change prerequisite.

Item 43.c GPHY 484 Applied GIS/Spatial Analysis. New course.

Item 43.d GPHY 485 Internet GIS. New course.

Item 43.e GPHY 487 Remote Sensing/Raster GIS. New course.

Item 43.f Minor in Geography. Modification to an existing program.

Item 43.g Teaching Minor in Geography. Modification to an existing program.

Item 43.h Teaching Minor in Earth Science. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Russ Lord, seconded by Carl Castles to **approve Items 43 through 43.h on second reading.**

The course descriptions for GPHY 484, 485, and 487 have been expanded.

- Motion carried.

III. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 48 PHL 101 Reason and Reality: Introduction to Philosophy. Delete course.

Item 48.a PHL 110 Problems of Good and Evil: Introduction to Ethics. Change course description.

Item 48.b PHL 111 Philosophies of Life. Change course description.

Item 48.c PHL 271 Philosophy and Religion of India. Change title to Indian Philosophies and Religions and change course description.

Item 48.d PHL 272 Philosophy and Religion of China, Tibet, and Japan. Change title to Chinese Philosophies and Religions and change course description.

Item 48.e PHL 320 Philosophy and Business Ethics. Change course description.

Item 48.f PHL 326 Death, Dying and Medical Ethics. Change course description.

Item 48.g PHL 364 Great Figures in Philosophy and Religion. Change title to Great Figures and Ideas and change course description.

Item 48.h PHL 365 Studies in the History of Philosophy. Change course number to 265 and change course description.

Item 48.i PHL 375 Women, Philosophy and Religion. Change course description.

Item 48.j PHL 254 People and Politics. New course.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Del Brumley to **approve Items 48 through 48.j on first reading.**

Ana Diaz, Philosophy, noted that these changes delete courses they no longer offer and add some that are closer to her expertise. The course descriptions are being updated to reflect what is taught in the class. PHL 365 is moving to the 200-level because they offer few 200-level courses.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Janet Alberson, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **waive second reading of Items 48 through 48.j.**

- Motion carried.

Item 49 RLST 170 The Religious Quest. Change course description.

Item 49.a RLST 245 Christianity. Change course description.

Item 49.b RLST 303 Classical Mythology. Change title to Greek and Roman Mythology and change course description.

Item 49.c RLST 304 Global Mythology. Change title to Mythology Around the World and change course description.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Russ Lord to **approve Items 49 through 49.c on first reading.**

Dr. Diaz noted that these changes just update the descriptions to reflect the actual content of the course.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Russ Lord to **waive second reading of Items 49 through 49.c.**

- Motion carried.

Item 47 ENST 335 The Environmental Vision. New course.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Russ Lord to **approve Item 47 on first reading.**

Susan Gilbertz, Environmental Studies program, stated that this course will replace LIT 462 Studies in Literature and the Environment, which is being deleted. LIT 462 was not a good fit for either Environmental Studies students or English students. A new faculty member in English will teach ENST 335.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Janet Alberson, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **waive second reading of Item 47.**

- Motion carried.

Item 71 PHL 322 Philosophy and Environmental Ethics. Delete course

Item 71.a PHL 324 Nature, Culture, and Philosophy. New course.

Item 71.b Minor in Philosophy. Modification to an existing program.

Item 71.c Minor in Philosophy Religious Studies Option. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Del Brumley to **approve Items 71 through 71.c on first reading.**

Dr. Diaz stated that PHL 324 is replacing PHL 322 to move from an ethics to a philosophy focus. It was noted that the outcomes on the CCN form for PHL 324 need to be updated.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Brian Gurney to **waive second reading of Items 71 through 71.c.**

- Motion carried.

Item 72 BA major in Environmental Studies. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Item 72 on first reading.**

Dr. Gilbertz noted that there is a course missing from this program change, and asked that this item be held until the next meeting so the error can be fixed.

Item 78 EDEC 296 Fieldwork/Practicum. Change title to Early Childhood Preschool Practicum, change credits from V1-7 to 1, change prerequisite and corequisite, and change course description.

Item 78.a EDEC 381 Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods. Change credits from 3 to 2.

Item 78.b EDEC 130 Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood. New course (offered only online).

Item 78.c EDEC 352 Math and Science in Early Childhood. New course (offered only online).

Item 78.d EDEC 385 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education. New course.

Item 78.e EDEC 495 Early Childhood Student Teaching. New course.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Items 78 through 78.e on first reading.**

Janet Alberson and Bonnie Graham stated that these changes are to meet new State requirements for Early Childhood. Early Childhood (K-3) will be a stand-alone licensure. The Montana Legislature moved very fast on this issue, but if funding falls apart for the program, we will still want to keep these program changes. All the Early Childhood courses are offered online, so the A.A. in Education will also be entirely online, which is a great recruiting tool. As for staffing, there are four faculty in the Department that have Early Childhood expertise, so the load will be distributed among them.

A question was raised regarding EDEC 130 Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood: Why is the course not being taught by the Department of Health and Human Performance, like it is in other Ed programs? It was responded that Education contacted the Department of Health and Human Performance about the health & safety course and were instructed to go ahead with the course.

- Motion carried.

Second reading will be held until the next meeting, when the program changes will be presented.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Reducing Staff-Hours Dedicated to Campus Curriculum Process

The idea of presenting two types of items to the Senate, consent and action, was discussed with the Chair of Senate, but no recommendation either way was offered. The UCC may always bring a proposal to the Senate. There are Senators who would be interested in this proposal.

It was cited that we as a university are sending the wrong message to new faculty members having to present their very simple changes to committees over and over again. By not having the UCC's work accepted further up the line, it makes the UCC entirely redundant.

Making the distinction for the Senate between simple and complex proposals is the key to a new policy.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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