

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 24, 2018

Present: Ambrin Masood
Carl Castles
Brian Gurney
Natalie Bohlmann
Faduma Omar (student)
Jaki Penninger (Registrar representative)

Alex Shafer
Joseph Bryan
Melanie Reaves
Ben Johnson

Absent: Jennifer Scroggins*
Heather Thompson-Bahm*
**excused*

Ying Wang*

Guests: Kelly McCoy
Lonnie Schrag
Jason Adkins

Mark Jacobson
Paul Pope



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

The minutes of October 10 were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 11 CSCI 246 Discrete Structures. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.a M 242 Methods of Proof. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.b M 305 Discrete Structures I. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.c M 333 Linear Algebra. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.d Minor in Computer Science. Modification to an existing program.

Item 11.e Minor In Mathematics. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Items 11 through 11.e on first reading.**

Mark Jacobson, Chair of Mathematics, noted that the first four course changes are just simple prerequisite changes. Both of the minors have been overhauled to help increase enrollment in these programs. Both are going from 21 total credits to 20. In cooperation with the College of Business and City College, the Minor in Computer Science will now include a selection of courses offered by those areas, to make the minor more marketable. The Minor in Math will also include courses from the College of Business, as well as courses

from Biological & Physical Sciences. The Math Department had originally proposed changing the name of the minor to reflect the heavy science content, but elected not to do so at this time.

A concern was raised regarding students in the chemistry major basically earning this minor with no additional coursework. Is that ethical? It was noted that chemistry majors would have to take at least one additional math course to earn the Minor in Math. Should we allow programs like this, or conversely, promote them? This concern will be passed on to the Senate.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Alex Shafer to **waive second reading of Items 11 through 11.e.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 11 through 11.e will go to the Senate as action items.

Item 14.a EDU 331 Literature and Literacy for Children. Change prerequisites.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Item 14.a on first reading.**

Students should actually be taking the course listed as the prerequisite *after* EDU 331, thus the change.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Ambrin Masood to **waive second reading of Item 14.a.**

- Motion carried.

Item 21 EDU 240 Behavior Management. Delete course.

Item 21.a EDU 397E Methods: K-8 Art. Delete course.

Item 21.b EDU 397F Methods: K-8 Music. Delete course.

Item 21.c EDU 397H Methods: K-12 Art. Delete course.

Item 21.d EDU 397K Education Methods: Health Enhancement Strategies in the Elementary School K-8. Delete course.

Item 21.e EDU 496 Clinic. Delete course.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Items 21 through 21.e on first reading.**

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Items 21 through 21.e.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 14 and 21 through 21.e will go to the Senate as consent items.

Item 19 PSCI 424 Democratization. Delete course.

Item 19.a PSCI 426 Comparative Political Economy. Delete course.

Item 19.b PSCI 458 Urban and Regional Planning. Delete course.

Item 19.c PSCI 459 Public Budgeting & Finance. Delete course.

Item 19.d PSCI 464 Local Government Administration. Delete course.

Item 19.e Minor in Political Science Public Administration Emphasis. Delete program.

Item 20 PSCI 261 Politics of Religion. New course.

Item 20.a PSCI 302 Media and Politics. New course.

Item 20.b PSCI 322 Politics of Europe. New course.

Item 20.c PSCI 409 Organizational Dynamics. New course.

Item 20.d PSCI 415 Language and Law – Forensic Linguistics. New course.

Item 20.e PSCI 434 International Law. New course.

Item 20.f PSCI 457 Public Management and Leadership. New course.

Item 20.g PSCI 461 Administrative Law. New course.

Item 20.h BS Major in Political Science. Modification to an existing program.

Item 20.i Minor in Political Science Pre-Law Emphasis. Modification to an existing program

Item 20.j Minor in Political Science General Emphasis. Modification to an existing program

Item 20.k BS Major in Political Science Teaching Option. Modification to an existing program.

Item 20.L Teaching Minor in Political Science. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Items 19 through 20.L on first reading.**

Paul Pope, Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, noted that the Political Science major was created in 2004 when the Master of Public Administration program came to be. There were a lot of stacked courses between the two programs. The MPA is currently on moratorium, soon to be deleted, so the undergraduate Political Science program is moving from a philosophical focus to a more analytical, data-driven focus. Many of the new courses being added are standard to Political Science programs across the country. They are also working on a 3+3 program with the University of Montana Law School, so some of the new courses accommodate that program as well.

It was noted that five courses are being deleted while eight are being added. How will this impact faculty loads? Dr. Pope noted that several of the courses will be taught on a rotating basis, with at least one upper division course offered in the summer. There has been

demand for upper division courses in the summer, but in the past the Department has not had the resources to offer them. They also have a couple part-time faculty in the community who could teach a couple courses, should demand increase.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Ambrin Masood to **waive second reading of Items 19 through 20.L.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 19 through 20.L will go to the Senate as action items.

Item 24 FIRE 105 Fire Apparatus, Equipment and Hydraulics. Change number to 131, title to Fire Apparatus and Hydraulics, and remove prerequisite. (number/title change due to incorrect CCN)

Item 24.a FIRE 172 Wildlands Standards for Survival. Change number to 106, title to Wildland Firefighting, and change grading mode. (number/title change due to incorrect CCN)

Item 24.b FIRE 119 Fire Service Ethics. New course.

Item 24.c FIRE 270 Fire Prevention. New course.

Item 24.d AS Program of Study in Fire Science. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Items 24 through 24.d on first reading.**

Kelly McCoy, Director of the City College Fire Science program, noted that a couple of these courses needed to be aligned with the Common Course Numbering database. FIRE 105 also had a math prerequisite, which is not necessary. The Fire Science program is now accredited, but if they were to create an AAS program, they would need to start all over with that accreditation process. The AS program has 29 credits to work with (beyond the 31 for Gen Ed), and the accreditors have moved toward a common body of knowledge for students with no firefighting experience. Also, to develop the best graduates we can, a two-credit ethics course is being added to the program.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Alex Shafer to **waive second reading of Items 24 through 24.d.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 24 through 24.d will go to the Senate as action items.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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