

## UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** October 23, 2019

**Present:** Becky Anglin  
Carl Castles  
Joseph Bryan  
Ying Wang  
Jaki Penninger (Registrar representative)

Aaron Mertes  
Jennifer Scroggins  
Sougata Das

**Absent:** Melanie Reaves\*  
Ben Johnson

Natalie Bohlmann\*  
Kelly Shumway\*

*\*excused*

**Guests:** Susan Gilbertz  
Brent Finger  
Kathleen Thatcher

Joseph Hoover  
Matt McMullen



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

The minutes of September 25 were accepted as presented.

### I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

**Item 20** GPHY 262 Spatial Sciences Technology and Applications. New course.

**Item 20.a** GPHY 263 Spatial Sciences Technology Laboratory. New course.

**Item 20.b** GPHY 111 Intro to Physical Geography. Delete course.

**Item 20.c** GPHY 112 Intro to Phys Geography Lab. Delete course.

**Item 20.d** GPHY141 Geography of World Regions. Delete course.

**Item 20.e** GPHY 440 Geography of Montana. Delete course.

**Item 20.f** GPHY 460 Urban Policy and Development. Delete course.

**Item 20.g** BA Major in Environmental Studies. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Items 20 through 20.g on first reading.**

Susan Gilbertz of Social Sciences & Cultural Studies noted that they have created a Geographic Information System (GIS) track within the Environmental Studies program, and this led to a program overhaul. The program will now offer four tracks that essentially lay out what students were already doing with the program. Those tracks are GIS, advocacy,

management and policy, and an ecology/biology focus. In response to the Provost's initiative to reduce the number of low-enrolled courses, the required ENST courses are reduced to a small core, and all upper-level courses are from other disciplines. The other ENST courses will no longer be offered and thus are being deleted.

Dr. Gilbertz talked with the Department of Biological & Physical Sciences about removing GPHY 111 Intro to Physical Geography and GPHY 112 Intro to Phys Geography Lab from Gen Ed, and adding the new GPHY 262 Spatial Sciences Technology and Applications and GPHY 263 Spatial Sciences Technology Laboratory. Science is fine with this move and they are happy to not be teaching the geography courses, which have been moved to the Department of Social Sciences & Cultural Studies. GPHY 262 & 263 have been run as pilots and are full at 40 students. Environmental Studies will probably be able to offer three sections of it per year.

They are also working with Miles Community College to create a 2+2 agreement, so MCC's wildlife and agriculture students can earn the Environmental Studies BA. The state workforce report indicates that anything geo-science is useful in this region, and Environmental Studies hopes to create a GIS Certificate next Fall.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Items 20 through 20.g.**

- Motion carried.

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

**Item 21** PSYX 345 Child and Adolescent Psychological Disorders. New course.

**Item 21.a** PSYX 223 Research Design and Analysis I. Change number to 225 and change title to Research Design and Analysis.

**Item 21.b** PSYX 224 Research Dsgn & Analysis I Lab. Change number to 226 and change title to Research Design and Analysis Lab.

**Item 21.c** PSYX 230 Dev Psych: Dev Over Lifespan. Change title to Developmental Psychology.

**Item 21.d** PSYX 320 Research Methods III. Change title to Advanced Psychological Research Methods

**Item 21.e** PSYX 321 Research Methods III Lab. Change title to Advanced Psychological Research Methods Lab

**Item 21.f** PSYX 330 Child Psychology. Change title to Child Development.

**Item 21.g** BA Major in Psychology. Modification to an existing program.

**Item 21.h** BS Major in Psychology. Modification to an existing program.

**Item 21.i** Minor in Psychology. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Ying Wang to **approve Items 21 through 21.i on first reading.**

Matt McMullen, Chair of Psychology, noted that PSYX 345 Child and Adolescent Psychological Disorders has been offered as a seminar several times and has been successful, so the Department is adding it as a new course. It will be an elective in the programs. The course already exists at Missoula. Items 21.a through 21.f are to align our courses with the CCN database.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Items 21 through 21.i.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 21 through 21.i will go to the Senate as action items.

**Item 13.b** BIOH 491 Special Topics: Human Biology. Change title, credits, prerequisite, course description.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Ying Wang to **approve Item 13.b on first reading.**

This course is being updated to remove the unnecessary title, and make both the description and credits less specific.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Item 13.b.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Item 13.b will go to the Senate as a consent item.

**Item 13.d** BA Major in Biology. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Item 13.d on first reading.**

This program is well enrolled to due the fact that it's a preparation for students who want to go into physical therapy or a physician's assistant program. It also functions as an outlet for students who enter the Biology Medical Lab Science program, but are unable because of grades to get a placement in the out-of-state training semesters. This program modification adds a grouping of courses instead of a minor for the BA, so MLS students can finish the program in an acceptable time, usually two semesters.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Item 13.d.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Item 13.d will go to the Senate as an action item.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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