

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: November 25, 2020

Present: Aaron Mertes
Joseph Bryan
Sougata Das
Melanie Reaves
Ben Johnson
Jaki Penninger (Registrar representative)

Carl Castles
Jennifer Scroggins
Ying Wang
Amanda Obery

Absent: Kelly Shumway
**excused*

Guests: Sam Boerboom
Suzette Nynas
Mark Jacobson

Susana Gilbertz
Natalie Bohlmann
Kathleen Thatcher



Carl Castles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. online, via Webex.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 28 were accepted as presented.

II. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Group 1		
Teaching Licensure Option Secondary Majors - Professional Core	Edited	10/27/2020

- Motion by Melanie Reaves, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Group 1 on first reading.**

Natalie Bohlmann, Educational Theory & Practice, stated that all secondary teaching majors were taking EDU 380, which was often cancelled for low enrollment. Those students ended up in EDU 381, which was originally intended for elementary majors. So, the department has decided to move all the students into EDU 381, which adds one credit to the secondary Professional Core. They are also adding EDU 343 Strat for Mnging Div Learners to the Professional Core, because feedback from graduates as well as superintendents and principals indicates that students need more preparation in classroom management. The changes to the Professional Core affect seven different majors across campus. English has already come through, there are several on today's agenda, and there are more coming at the next UCC meeting.

- Motion carried.
- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Melanie Reaves to **waive second reading of Group 1.**
- Motion carried.

Group 2		
Environmental Studies Bachelor of Arts Degree	Edited	10/27/2020

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Ying Wang to **approve Group 2 on first reading.**

Susan Gilbertz, Social Sciences & Cultural Studies, noted that when they modified the Environmental Studies program last year, they goofed on which economics course to include. However, they have also just learned that a course removed from the program last year, BIOE 202 Intro to Environmental Ecology, has not been discontinued as originally planned. The Department of Biological & Physical Sciences is still offering the course. Dr. Gilbertz proposed adding BIOE 202 back into the Environmental Studies program today, at this meeting. Dr. Castles, Chair of Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that the course is offered every spring online, and has enrolled well.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Melanie Reaves to **amend the motion to include BIOE 202 in the Environmental Studies program.**
- Motion to approve carried.
- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Group 2.**
- Motion carried.

Group 3		
COMX 231: Intro to New Media Skills	Deleted	11/10/2020
COMX 232: Intro to Visual Storytelling	Deleted	11/10/2020
COMX 280: Intro to Health Communication	Deleted	11/10/2020
THTR 120: Introduction to Acting I	Deleted	11/10/2020

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Group 3 on first reading.**

Sam Boerboom, Chair of the newly renamed Department of Communication (formerly Communication & Theatre), stated that the three COMX courses were part of the Digital Health Communication Certificate, which has already been deleted. The theater course is also being deleted, as the Department no longer offers a theater program. THTR 120 is a Gen Ed course, but other options are available to students.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **waive second reading of Group 3.**

- Motion carried.

Group 4		
Communication Arts Minor	Edited	11/17/2020

- Motion by Melanie Reaves, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Group 4 on first reading.**

Dr. Boerboom noted that, as a result of the SPA process, the Department's minors were reduced from two to one. The Organizational Communication Minor was deleted, and the Media Studies Minor will be changed to be more general, including the name change seen in the proposal. The minor will still be 24 credits and the Department will be hiring another instructor in the Spring, so that person is not listed in the staffing plan. The updated, general minor will appeal to a broader group of students, and since it includes the core of the major, it is easily converted to a major as well.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Sougata Das to **waive second reading of Group 4.**

- Motion carried.

Group 6		
M 329: Modern Geometry	Edited	10/27/2020
Mathematics Teaching Licensure Option Single Subject Endorsement Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	11/10/2020
Mathematics Teaching Minor	Edited	11/10/2020

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Melanie Reaves to **approve Group 6 on first reading.**

Mark Jacobson, Chair of Math, noted that the Department has lost half of its faculty in the last year. They are adding courses to the Math Teaching Major that can be taught by non-Math faculty, such as physics and programming courses, as well as STAT 216, which can be taught by City College math faculty. Dr. Jacobson said the City College math faculty have really helped them out with the stats course.

Similarly, Dr. Jacobson stated that courses in the minor are being switched due to staffing issues. The minor will now be 32 total credits instead of 34. Dr. Bohlmann noted that the teaching major and minor are still in alignment with state standards.

It was noted that, if students double-count one math course (such as STAT 216) and the EDU 105 course that is part of the Professional Core as requirements and Gen Ed, the credits do not add up. Reducing the total credits in the program would be beneficial, but Dr. Jacobson stated he would like to consult with colleagues before making changes to the program.

- Motion to approve was withdrawn.

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Melanie Reaves to **approve M 329 and the Math Teaching Minor on first reading.**

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Melanie Reaves, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **waive second reading of M 329 and the Math Teaching Minor.**

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Sougata Das to **approve the Mathematics Teaching Licensure Option Single Subject Endorsement Bachelor of Science Degree on first reading.**

- Motion carried.

Second reading will be held electronically, after any changes are made.

Group 7		
Health and Human Performance Teacher Licensure Option (Health and Physical Education K-12) Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	11/20/2020

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Group 7 on first reading.**

Suzette Nynas, Chair of Health & Human Performance, noted that, with the addition of credits to the Professional Core, they removed KIN 205 from the program, to keep it at 120 credits. The plan of study was also cleaned up.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Sougata Das, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **waive second reading of Group 7.**

- Motion carried.

Group 5		
Broadfield Science Teaching Licensure Option Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	11/10/2020

- Motion by Joseph Bryan, seconded by Sougata Das to **approve Group 5 on first reading.**

It was noted that this teaching major has a similar issue to the Math Teaching Major, and EDU 383 was erroneously included twice.

- Motion carried.

Second reading will be held electronically, after changes are made.

It was agreed that the pending curriculum can wait until a January meeting. The next UCC meeting will be the second Wednesday of the Spring semester.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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