

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2023

Present: Jeff Willardson
Josh Hill
Scott Butterfield
Robin Rasmussen
Jaki Penninger (Registrar representative)

Carl Castles
Jennifer Scroggins
Elaine Westbrook
Nicole Bogunovich

Absent: Ying Wang
**excused*

Karen Washburn*

Guests: Paula McMahon
Susan Gilbertz

Kathleen Thatcher
Jim Barron



Carl Castles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room with some members attending via Webex.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 25 were accepted as presented.

II. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Title	Status	Received	Request Type
Human Services BS Addiction Studies Concentration	Added	2/13/2023	Sprint Degree
Human Services BS Case Management Concentration	Added	2/13/2023	Sprint Degree

- Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Josh Hill to **approve the two Sprint Degrees.**

Jim Barron, Interim Associate Dean of CHPS, noted that OCHE asked MSUB to consider creating Sprint Degree pathways, especially in healthcare. Their idea was specifically *summer-start programs* that could be completed in less than four years (or less than two years for associate programs). The plan of study that Human Services put together is 15 credits each Summer and 18-19 credits each Fall and Spring, with the first year of both tracks identical. The plan is very ambitious and students likely could not hold down a job while doing this program. Because it's such an intense program, if a student does not pass a course and needs to re-take it, they will have to be dropped from the program as they will be misaligned

from the plan of study and cohort. There are no new courses proposed here, but there will be a few upper division courses that have to be offered in Summer. We will need funding from OCHE for that, which they have committed to, but not given an amount. OCHE funding will also go to student support in the form of advising and scholarships.

Paula McMahon, Chair, Rehabilitation & Human Services, noted that the student cohorts would also have routine study sessions together as a group, and OCHE funding can be used for a faculty member to facilitate those sessions. These may not be required every week, but students will definitely be asked to check in regularly. It was noted that having the study sessions not required means students will definitely skip out on them. It was further noted that we shouldn't have a hidden requirement for study sessions—it should be explicitly required.

Regarding the OCHE funding for student support, it's not necessarily a good idea to throw money at our most gifted students, when those funds could do more for the students that really need them. It was also noted that this extra funding is likely not permanent.

The question was raised as to what happens with students who are dropped from the program, whether there is an off-ramp. It was responded that students can move into the non-sprint version of the Human Services BS.

Questions were raised about dual credit students and transfer students moving into this program, since the first semester is all Gen Ed. Those questions are not yet resolved, but students bringing in Gen Ed courses would have more wiggle room in their Sprint plan of study. Further, current MSUB students who have taken Gen Eds may also be interested in switching their major to this program. It was noted that OCHE's intended target with the Sprint programs is new students coming straight from high school.

Dr. Barron noted that there will be an application process that would include a student's high school GPA and an interview. The interview would also make clear to the student that the Sprint plan is contingent on the student passing all courses to stay within the cohort.

It was noted that some of the accelerated nature of this program is based on Gen Ed courses being offered in Summer, which is not under the control of the Human Services program. It is possible, then, that the cohort of students could have an issue if a Gen Ed course were to be cancelled in Summer.

It was noted that these two programs are really just accelerated plans of study, and approving plans of study is not the purview of the UCC. We should not set a precedent by approving. It was agreed that the UCC should not take on the responsibility of approving plans of study. A memo will be sent to the Senate.

- Motion to approve was withdrawn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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