

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 27, 2010

Present:	Carl Castles	Gary Acton
	Mark Jacobson	Brian Gurney
	Ying Wang	Cheryl Young
	Cindy Dell	Vern Gagnon
	Mick Ender	Becky Lyons
	Marshall Pluhar (student)	

Absent: Agnes Samples – *excused*

Guests:	Sue Balter-Reitz	Jeff Sanders
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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Missouri room.

The October 13 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 18 BCH 491 Special Topics. New course.

Item 18.a BIOB 491 Special Topics. New course.

Item 18.b BIOM 491 Special Topics. New course.

Item 18.c CHMY 491 Special Topics. New course.

Item 18.d EARTH 491 Special Topics. New course.

Item 18.e GEO 491 Special Topics. New course.

Item 18.f GPHY 491 Special Topics. New course.

- Motion by Mark Jacobson, seconded by Brian Gurney to **approve Items 18 through 18.f on first reading.**

It was noted that with the common course numbering changes, the seminar and workshop numbers were merged into one. These courses had been run under the seminar number, but it was not necessarily appropriate. The 491 special topics course number is the new system-wide number for common course numbering.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Brian Gurney to **waive second reading of Items 18 through 18.f.**

- Motion carried.

Item 17 SOCI 372 Development of a Meaningful Life. Delete course.

Item 17.a BA major in Sociology. Modification of an existing program.

Item 17.b BS major in Sociology. Modification of an existing program.

Item 17.c Minor in Sociology. Modification of an existing program.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Vern Gagnon to **approve Items 17 through 17.c on first reading.**

Jeff Sanders, Chair, Sociology, Political Science, Native American Studies, and Environmental Studies, stated that these changes delete a course that is no longer taught as the faculty member has retired. In each program, the course is being removed from a list of electives.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Gary Acton to **waive second reading of Items 17 through 17.c.**

It was noted that there are no changes in the plans of study for these programs.

- Motion carried.

Item 14 BS Major in Biology Environmental Sciences Option. Modification of an existing program.

Item 14.a BS Major in Broadfield Science. Modification of an existing program.

Item 14.b BS Major in Broadfield Science Teaching Licensure Option. Modification of an existing program.

- Motion by Mark Jacobson, seconded by Brian Gurney to **approve Items 14 through 14.b on first reading.**

It was stated that the Department is merging two mineralogy courses into one single four-credit course. These program changes reflect that change.

It was noted that the course change seems to be missing.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

These items will be postponed to the next meeting while the course change paperwork is located.

Item 26 BUS 440 Business and the Environment. Change prerequisite.

- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Gary Acton to **approve Item 26 on first reading.**

It was noted that this is a course which non-business majors are interested in taking, so “consent of instructor” is being added to the prerequisites to allow those students into the course.

- Motion carried with one abstention.
- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Mark Jacobson to **waive second reading of Item 26.**
- Motion carried with one abstention.

Item 27 Minor in Business Geographic Information Systems. Delete program.

- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Gary Acton to **approve Item 27 on first reading.**

It was noted that this minor was created about 15 years ago to work with a budding environmental sciences group on campus. The minor has never really taken off, and there are currently no students in the program. The courses are in Environmental Studies, so they will not be deleted. The question was raised that if there is no cost savings to deleting the program, why delete it? It was noted this is just catalog clean up.

- Motion carried with one abstention.
- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Carl Castles to **waive second reading of Item 27.**
- Motion carried with one abstention.

Item 21 COMT 110 Interpersonal Communication. Change course description.

- Motion by Gary Acton, seconded by Brian Gurney to **approve Item 21 on first reading.**

Sue Balter-Reitz, Chair, Communication and Theatre, stated that this course used to be in the old Communication category of Gen Ed, but is now in the Social Sciences category. The course description is not very accurate, especially as the course is now taught in the new category, so this change updates it.

It was noted that the second page of the form seems to be missing.

- Motion carried.

Second reading will be at the next meeting after the paperwork is completed.

Item 23 Minor in Native American Studies. Modification of an existing program.

Item 23.a NASX 406 History of American Indian Women. New course.

- Motion by Brian Gurney, seconded by Vern Gagnon to **approve Items 23 and 23.a on first reading.**

Dr. Sanders stated that the new course is actually a seminar that Reno Charette has taught for several years. The Native American Studies program needs another upper division course, so the course is being formalized. The “NASX” rubric will be the common course numbering rubric for Native American Studies, but NASX 406 will be a unique course in the University System. In the future, they hope to create a Minor in Women’s Studies, and this course would fit right into that program.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Mark Jacobson to **waive second reading of Items 23 and 23.a.**

- Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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