

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: April 20, 2016

Present: Carl Castles Jennifer Scroggins
Joseph Bryan Brian Gurney
Ying Wang Sharon Hobbs
Heather Thompson Joy Barber
Jessica Baker (Registrar representative)

Absent: Russ Lord Ken Miller*
**excused*

Guests: Andy Sullivan Kevin Nemeth
Florence Garcia Christine Shearer
Dave Gurchiek Tom Dell
Diane Duin Mark Nook
Joy Honea Kurt Toenjes



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

The April 6 minutes were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 66 BS in Nursing, Registered Nurse to BSN Degree Completion Program. New program.

Item 66.a NRSG 301 Nursing in the Community. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.b NRSG 302 Nursing in the Community Clinical. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.c NRSG 320 Nursing Informatics. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.d NRSG 322 Health Promotion and Education. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.e NRSG 325 Advanced Health Assessment. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.f NRSG 326 Complex Healthcare Needs. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.g NRSG 344 Family Nursing. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.h NRSG 361 Global Nursing. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.i NRSG 424 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.j NRSG 463 Leadership and Management for the RN. New course. (course only offered online)

Item 66.k NRSG 464 Leadership and Management for the RN Clinical. New course. (course only offered online)

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Carl Castles to **approve Items 66 through 66.k on first reading.**

Diane Duin, Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, stated that this RN to BSN program is a result of the Healthcare Montana grant. The curriculum is the same across the state, just as other nursing programs are, and they have been working extensively with the State Board of Nursing to prepare this program. Billings Clinic now has magnate status, and one of the requirements is that at least 80% of their nurses must have a BSN. St. Vincent is working toward magnate status, so they will have the same requirement. City College currently offers the ASN; there is great need for a program for registered nurses who have earned the ASN but need a BSN. The only students who will be allowed in the program are licensed RNs who have ASN degrees.

Montana Tech, MSU-Northern, and Salish Kootenai tribal college all currently offer an RN to BSN program, but ours will be the only one offered online. The curriculum is the same, but for nurses not near Butte or Havre, especially in eastern Montana and even western North Dakota, we will be the best option. The curriculum has been developed over the last year so that all the courses in an ASN program fit right into the BSN program. The MSU-Bozeman nursing program has always been a four-year program, and they do not accept any ASN credits. The programs at Montana Tech and MSU-Northern are both full, and there is still plenty of need.

Chancellor Mark Nook noted that this program will basically pay for itself. The FTE generated by 30 new students will pay for the program, and 50% of all revenue will be set aside for non-instructional costs, just as it is for MSUB's general fund. The cost of this program will be very similar to other programs, but it is considered a high-cost program. The students will pay a program fee per semester (somewhere between \$300 and \$800) so they will pay more than other MSUB students. That fee must be approved by the BOR as well.

Dean Duin stated they will hire two tenure-track faculty, one of which will be the program coordinator. The accrediting agency (CCNE) does not require PhD holding instructors, which are in very short supply. We need instructors who hold an MSN.

Dr. Nook cited that the level of support in the community is very high, thrilled we plan to offer this program. They do plan to approach the hospitals, Riverstone Health, Rimrock, St. John's, and others about possible donations or endowed chairs. However, we can make this program work without outside support.

It was noted that STAT 216 is actually a 4 credit class, not 3 credits as listed in the paperwork. Dean Duin stated that English, Philosophy and Modern Languages is developing a 300-level writing class that will be just for BSN students. That new course will be created sometime next year. That Department will also be converting PHL 326 Medical

Ethics to an online course for the nursing program. The Humanities Gen Ed would be chosen from what is available in that category and offered online. Dr. Nook noted that this is a cohort program, so we don't have to worry about these students being scattered across multiple Gen Ed courses. They will all be in one section, and we have planned in the budget for that as well.

Students can complete this program in one year, including fall, spring, and a summer. However, working students can stretch it out to two years, as needed, but they would take all their nursing courses in the first year.

Chancellor Nook noted that this program does need BOR approval. President Cruzado does support what we are doing. If all goes well, we can have this to the September BOR meeting, which will be here in Billings.

It was noted that although the Senate has been well informed this program was in the works, the same is not true for the UCC. Notice should come to this committee as well.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Carl Castles, seconded by Ying Wang to **waive second reading of Items 66 through 66.k.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 66 through 66.k will go to the Senate as action items.

Item 61.a PPT 140 Brewing Process Technology. New course.

Item 64 CHMY 170 Applied Brewing Chemistry. New course.

Item 64.a BIOM 208 Applied Brewing Microbiology. New course.

Item 67 BMGT 102 Business Basics for Brewing and Distillery. New course.

Item 67.a Certificate of Technical Studies in Craft Brewing and Fermentation. New program.

- Motion by Carl Castles, seconded by Ying Wang to **approve Items 61.a, 64, 64.a, 67, and 67.a on first reading.**

It was noted that this is a 15 credit program with courses from City College and the Department of Biological & Physical Sciences. There is demand in the community, since beer production has increased 49% in the state of Montana. This program includes not only beer making, but wine and distilling as well. It was noted that since MSUB hosts a wine festival every year, this is a most appropriate program.

Kevin Nemeth, Extended Campus, noted that they surveyed the local home brewers guild, of which there are over 100 members, as well as local brewers and distillers, and there is a lot of support for this program. Home brewers want to increase their skills, and perhaps work toward one day opening their own brewery. Flathead Valley Community College does offer

a 2-year associate's degree in this field, but our certificate will be much cheaper. This program will be run as self-support, and it will break even at 5 students. Once the program is approved, they will work to secure some equipment donations from locals. The question was raised as to the sustainability of the program. Mr. Nemeth responded that this is the beauty of self-support programs: when the interest dies down, the program can simply go away.

The students in the program are expected to be working individuals, so it will likely take them a year to complete the certificate.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Carl Castles, seconded by Sharon Hobbs to **waive second reading of Items 61.a, 64, 64.a, 67, and 67.a.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 61.a, 64, 64.a, 67, and 67.a will go to the Senate as action items.

Item 63 CJUS & SOCI courses. Change prerequisite (SOCI 101 or 201).

Item 63.a CJUS & SOCI courses. Add corequisite (WRIT 201 or 221).

Item 63.b CJUS 228 Race, Class, Gender and Crime. Change title to Diversity in Criminal Justice, change prerequisite, and change course description.

Item 63.c SOCI 319 Statistics for Sociologists. Change prerequisite.

Item 63.d CJUS 450 Computer Crime. Delete course.

Item 63.e SOCI 345 Sociology of Organizations. Delete course.

Item 63.f CJUS 437 Prisoner Reentry. New course.

Item 63.g CJUS 440 Gender, Crime and Justice. New course.

Item 63.h SOCI 356 Sociology of Violence. New course.

Item 63.i SOCI 362 Sociology of Law Enforcement. New course.

Item 63.j SOCI 415 Sociology of Hunting & Poaching. New course.

Item 63.k BS Major in Criminal Justice. Modification to an existing program.

Item 63.L BA Major in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 63.m BS Major in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 63.n Minor in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 63.o Minor in Women's Studies. Modification to an existing program.

Item 63.p Minor in Criminal Justice. Modification to an existing program.

- Motion by Carl Castles, seconded by Joseph Bryan to **approve Items 63 through 63.j and 63.L through 63.p on first reading.**

Joy Honea, Chair of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, noted that all of the above changes are related to and in response to changes in the Criminal Justice program. Criminal Justice is a pretty cumbersome program, so these changes shrink the number of required courses and instead of having the student choose restricted electives from a huge list, the list will be broken down into six areas, of which students will choose courses in five. These changes will alleviate staffing issues and course bottlenecks in the department. The courses being deleted have not been taught in five years. The new courses will balance with those deleted, along

with two that have already been successfully offered as seminars. All the programs will now accept a C- in the major, and there is only one STAT course required, rather than two.

Dr. Honea said there is a lot of overlap between SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology and SOCI 201 Social Problems, so they are making either one a prerequisite for all the upper division courses. The writing corequisite does affect City College students in their AS program of study, so WRIT 221 Intermediate Technical Writing has been added. Dave Gurchiek, City College, stated that he is in full support of all the changes proposed today.

They are aware that their students are confused about their programs, so this should help clear some requirements up. It will be a process over the next year or two, since these changes won't show up until the next catalog in 2017.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Carl Castles, seconded by Ying Wang to **waive second reading of Items 63 through 63.j and 63.L through 63.p.**

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Ying Wang, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Item 63.k on first reading.**

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Heather Thompson to **waive second reading of Item 63.k.**

- Motion carried.

The Committee agreed Items 63 through 63.p will go to the Senate as action items.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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