

Faculty Curriculum Committee Minutes  
Friday, March 24, 2017  
Stern room 409

**Present:** Gibbs Knotts (acting chair), Andrew Przeworski (secretary), Tom Carroll, Doug Friedman, Chad Galuska, Rick Heldrich, Nenad Radakovic

**Registrar's Office:** Mary Bergstrom, Julie Dahl, Jerry Mackeldon

**Academic Affairs:** Lynn Cherry

Presentation of the Agenda (Knotts)

### **Old Business**

1. We approved the minutes from the February meeting
2. Curriculum proposals results - all proposals from our February meeting passed the Senate.
3. There is a preliminary draft of a variable topics policy, which is being reviewed by the Registrar and Academic Affairs. We'll discuss it at our April meeting.
4. Guidelines are coming for undergraduate certificates
5. Guidelines for assessment – Goudy and Przeworski met with Divya Bhati to discuss ways to improve the SLOs and assessment methods in the proposals.
6. BIOL proposal (Byrum)  
Discussion: new paperwork has arrived in the last few days  
Modifications: the course can now count as an elective. There are program change forms allowing that.  
Decision: approved
7. PORT proposal (Moreira)  
Discussion: question about whether two faculty are sufficient to run a minor.  
Modifications: there are some clerical errors that need to be fixed  
Decision: approved pending clerical fixes. One nay vote.

### **New Business**

1. New curriculum proposals:
  - a. ENSS (Welch)  
Discussion: Some of the proposal is redundant with last month's ENSS proposal.  
Modifications: none  
Decision: approved
  - b. COMM (Kopfman)  
Discussion: the cover letter should mention the change of the catalog description.

- Modifications: The sentence in the catalog description mentioning that the course can be repeated 3 times will be removed.  
Decision: approved
- c. ENGL (Seaman)  
Discussion: none  
Modifications: add wording to cover letter mentioning the change in repeatability for ENGL 350/370.  
Decision: approved
- d. CLAS (Newhard)  
Discussion: should there not be prerequisites on CLAS 200, maybe ENGL 110? CLAS doesn't want a prerequisite. Will CLAS 401 continue to be offered? Yes, it's still included in other programs. Is 450 an appropriate capstone experience? They believe that it is.  
Modifications: there's a memo to be added addressing changes to EDCL. We've received new paperwork fixing various mistakes.  
Decision: approved with one nay vote
- e. ARCH (Newhard)  
Discussion: none  
Modifications: we've received a new form for the minor, correcting the credit hour count.  
Decision: approved
- f. SCIM (Shockley)  
Discussion: none  
Modifications: the DSCI 323 aspect of the proposal is moot and has been removed.  
Decision: approved
- g. EDEL (Perkins)  
Discussion: question about why this can't be done with exceptions. Exceptions are hard to grant now.  
Modifications: none  
Decision: approved
- h. EDMG (Veal)  
Discussion: question about the stricter GPA requirement in TEDU courses than in the content areas the students will teach. Other departments set the GPA requirements.  
Modifications: we've received a new roadmap for the program  
Decision: approved
- i. FMST (Bowers)  
Discussion: none  
Modifications: none  
Decision: approved
- j. PBHL BA (Sundstrom)  
Discussion: continuation of January's discussion about consistency within the Ethics requirement. We'd requested that PBHL decide whether a health component is necessary in the ethics courses. The proposal suggests that PBHL did a review of which ethics courses are

appropriate for PBHL, but also asks to allow COMM 315 regardless of whether it has health content. This seems inconsistent. Long discussion of other ways to fix PBHLs problem, none of which seem satisfactory.

Modifications: none

Decision: approved with 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

k. PBHL BS (Balinsky)

Discussion: question about the claim that the new course would create no new costs. There's a new hire that has already been completed.

Modifications: none

Decision: approved

l. PHIL (Grantham)

Discussion: question about precise wording of the degree requirements in the minor

Modifications: they're going to work with the registrar to fix the wording

Decision: approved pending changes to the wording

m. ASST (Jin)

Discussion: question about costs. Question about variable credit

Modifications: They'd already given us new paperwork, but it still contains a mistake regarding variable credit. They'll provide us with newer paperwork.

Decision: approved

n. CSCI (Mountrouidou)

Discussion: none

Modifications: there is a change in the wording in section C of the 111 form, which they'll provide us.

Decision: approved

o. GEOG (Curtis)

Discussion: There had been a suggestion to change the title, but it's already been approved by the Gen Ed committee with the title "Special Topics...", so the title will stay "Special Topics...". Question about why the course is repeatable up to 9 hours. GEOG feels that if the location of the course is different, then the course has sufficiently different content.

Modifications: the assessment chart in GEOG 206 needs to be updated

Decision: approved

p. LACS (Colomina-Garrigós)

Discussion: none

Modifications: there are some paperwork revisions that they'd said they would submit

Decision: approved

q. POLI (Curtis)

Discussion: question about whether 300-level courses should have prerequisites. POLI doesn't want prerequisites on the new 300-level

courses. Question about whether the verbal descriptions of letter grades are dictated by the catalog.

Modifications: We'd requested various paperwork changes, which they'll provide us.

Decision: approved

r. SOCY (Burkett)

Discussion: questions about assessment

Modifications: they're providing updated SLOs for 260 and reinserting the wording about 260 occurring in the first 18 hours

Decision: approved

s. THTR (Kattwinkel)

Discussion: question about the attendance policy

Modifications: there was a wording change in the assessment chart for THTR 222 which we haven't yet inserted.

Decision: approved

t. IAS (Kelly)

Discussion: none

Modifications: IAS 304 will be repeatable up to 9 hours

Decision: approved

u. HPCP (Stiefel)

Discussion: question about double majors. Questions about some of the HPCP course syllabi. Questions about course and program assessment.

Modifications: they're withdrawing the request to allow double ARTH/HPCP majors to share the capstone between both majors. The HPCP 285 syllabus needs to be updated. The 285 and 350 SLOs need to be updated. The program assessment will be updated to allow assessment in 499 courses if those courses are taken instead of 415.

Decision: approved

v. URST (Keenan)

Discussion: question about how URST decides which courses are included in the sustainable urbanism list.

Modifications: the cover letter should mention that ECON 307 is being added to the minor

Decision: approved

w. WGST (Sundstrom)

Discussion: none

Modifications: WGST has withdrawn the WGST 356 and THTR 316 portions of the proposal

Decision: approved

x. PSYC (Galuska)

Discussion: none

Modifications: we have received a new syllabus for 330

Decision: approved

**For the good of the order**

1. Rick Heldrich quoted from a statement by Andy Abrams regarding whether faculty would be required to use the (at the time, newly proposed) full grading scale.
2. Question about whether the College's lack of a policy distinction between a BA and a BS is consistent with the College's requirement that students wishing to receive both complete 31 extra credit hours. There's SACS policy distinguishing a BA from a BS.

**Upcoming Business**

1. The overflow meeting is no longer necessary.
2. There will be an April 21 FCC meeting for thematic discussion.