

Faculty Curriculum Committee Minutes
Friday, October 16, 2015
Stern room 201

Present: Gibbs Knotts (chair), Andrew Przeworski (secretary), Chad Galuska, Tom Carroll, Bonnie Springer, Lynn Cherry, Rick Heldrich

Registrar's Office: Jerry Mackeldon, Mary Bergstrom

Academic Affairs: Conseula Francis

Presentation of the Agenda (Knotts)

New Business

We approved the minutes from the September 18th meeting.

Subcommittee reports

1. Major GPA taskforce (Przeworski)
Discussion: the GPA taskforce produced two different options for how to compute the GPA in the major. One counted all electives, while the other counted only the number of electives that were actually required. Registrar says that "option 2" can't be implemented.
Decision: the FCC unanimously endorsed "option 1" - counting all electives.
2. Subcommittee categorizing different levels of change (Knotts)
Discussion: changes to vocabulary, adding a restriction that expedited changes not affect other departments. This is probably going to require a change to bylaws.
Decision: no decision was planned, as this is still a work in progress
3. Workflow subcommittee (Springer)
Discussion: the committee is still working on this
Decision: none

Curriculum proposals

1. French and Francophone Studies – Allow FREN 496 and FREN 499 as alternatives to the capstone course FREN 495 (Holman, Morrison)
Discussion: This is actually a program change, not a course change. FREN is willing to omit the course change. There were questions about what "exceptional circumstances" meant. FREN is willing to delete that phrase.
Changes to wording of restriction.
Decision: approved
2. Political Science – Change the titles of POLI 294 and POLI 395 (Curtis)
Discussion: none
Decision: approved
3. Studio Art – Proposal for three new courses (ARTS 295: Photography in Context: History, Theory, and Practice; ARTS 316: Digital Photography I:

Portrait and Documentary Photography; and ARTS 349: Digital Photography II: Landscape Photography) and also changes to the titles of ARTS 215, ARTS 315, and ARTS 327 (Van Parys)

Discussion: Questions about contact hours and assessment chart. Fee is now \$75.

Decision: Name changes approved. New courses tabled pending resubmission of assessment chart. We will vote online.

4. Urban Studies – Revised Student Ambassador Proposal (Keenan)

Discussion: Question about credit hours per course.

Decision: approved

5. Urban Studies – Proposal to add a new concentration in Sustainable Urbanism (Keenan)

Discussion: The minor will have to be updated to account for the new concentration. Question about whether PHIL 245 will always be appropriate. Question about whether URST has enough students to support a new concentration. Question about whether the concentration should have required courses, rather than just a list of electives.

Decision: approved

6. Middle Grades Education – Creation of two new courses (TEDU 325: Foundations of Language and Literacies Development Grades 5-12 and EDMG 335: Teaching Writing/Design with Adolescent Literature and Multimodal Texts 5-8), adding them to the degree requirements, replacing EDEE 325, and replacing the current entrance requirements with the College's Gen Ed requirement (Perkins)

Discussion: Question about why EDEE 377 was deleted, only to quickly return as EDMG 335. Questions about reduction of EDMG's general education requirements. Question about crosslisting EDFS 436 with EDFS 692. Does EDFS intend to use the College's GenEd requirements or their own? The College's.

Decision: approved

7. Latin American and Caribbean Studies – Reduction in the number of required credit hours by reducing the number of electives required and by eliminating the required course INTL 300 (Colomina-Garrigos)

Discussion: Questions about the need for a methods course.

Decision: approved

8. Professional Studies – Changes to admission requirements, specifically: lowering the age requirement, adding flexibility to the required course content, and decreasing the number of required credit hours (Gibbison)

Discussion: Question about the number of extra students who would meet the new age requirement. Question about whether the new admission requirements have been unnecessarily weakened. Debate about whether the lower age requirement will result in students who lack "life experience".

Decision: approved with one "nay" vote.

9. Physics and Astronomy – Proposal to require ASTR 377, move PHYS 230 from being a requirement to an elective, and add a few courses to the list of electives (Chartas)

Discussion: ASTR is going to remove the Math 221 requirement.

Decision: approved

10. Teacher Education – Creation of a new course (EDFS 402: Education, Health and International Development) that has previously been offered as Special Topics (ndunda)

Discussion: Question about whether a course with no prerequisites should be 400-level. The course isn't intended to be repeatable and shouldn't have been described as a special topics course.

Decision: approved.

11. Physics and Astronomy – A new degree in Meteorology and several new courses (Lindner)

Discussion: Question about change in costs. Technical questions still need to be resolved.

Decision: tabled.

12. Historic Preservation and Community Planning –Creation of HPCP 222 (Old & Green: Where Heritage Preservation and Environmental Conservation Overlap) and add it to the list of electives

Discussion: proposers didn't attend

Decision: none

13. Management and Marketing – Removal of prerequisites from ENTR 200

Discussion: proposers didn't attend

Decision: none