

Approved Minutes Meeting
University Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Zoom

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 3:45 p.m.

Attendance: Cercone, Dassier, Greenawalt, Lewis, Muchtar, Racchini, Reilly, Schweitzer, Seal, Sechrist, Sobolewski, Sweeny **Excused:** Buse, Ford, Katchmarchi, Sell

- I. Call to Order
- II. Co-Chair's Report
 - A. Discussion of required classes being offered in Winter and Summer Sessions

Lewis: Based on the Undergraduate Catalog, it states that undergrads will not have to take mandatory summer or winter classes. However, the current administration changed it by encouraging students to take classes in summer, winter or through community colleges. English, for example, used to teach 5 classes, now 11 classes (during summer and winter). We need faculties to run courses. The more we teach in summer/winter, the fewer faculty will be needed in spring and fall. In a way, it sounds like we might be required to teach both summer and winter classes. Student: faculty ratios are not counted in the spring and summer (only fall). Asking students to take community college also doesn't help us. If we're not doing anything now, we need to change our handbook, because we're violating it.

Reilly: There are two different conversations in this context: classes offered in summer and winter classes as well as advising students to attend community college.

Cercone: The original intent of having the statement in the handbook was to prevent departments from scheduling required classes only in summer/winter to give faculty extra salary. Now the classes are being offered in the Fall and Spring, but there are just not enough seats.

- B. Inquiry from R. Soni about whether the Eberly College of Business could do one proposal to make changes to the MATH requirements for all of the college degrees that take the Business Core classes.
 - Because transfer students or students who switch majors typically have taken other MATH requirements, the college wants to add some additional MATH options. MATH 107 & 108 (4 credits) or MATH 115 (3 credits) or MATH 121 (4 credits) or MATH 125 (3 credits). Currently students need to take 47-48 credits of Liberal Studies classes. Reilly noted that this would change the range to 46-48.
 - Cercone felt that one generic proposal for all of the degrees would be confusing for the Registrar's Office to figure out what needs to be changed. She proposed that they could submit one proposal that had side by side attachments for all of the programs.
 - Sechrist proposed submitting the side by side with just the Liberal Studies section and all of the numbers that add up to 120 since the Free Electives number is going to have to change as well.

III. Approval of Minutes from 1-18-22
Correction on Minutes

- Under RGPL program revision – GEOS should be 155 (not 151). It was accepted by LS committee to be a substitute if a student wants. They want to add GEOG 230 Cultural Geography instead – rather than Geoscience since that will not cause issues with Degree Works.
- Under the list of PSYC course deletions—PSYC 359 was separated out from the rest of the courses and shifted to Provisional approval because Sechrist had earlier found an incorrect course number in the rationale, which the proposer has corrected.

Approved on a Sweeney/Dassier Motion– unanimous

IV. Liberal Studies Report --None

V. Items for Consideration and Possible Approval

a. 21-58 COSC/IFMG 352 LAN Design and Installation, distance education

Needed clarification on IFMG 352 that it is crosslisted with COSC 352. For example, Is it one instructor or two different instructors? Do they want to add IFMG to the proposal?

[The department responded that the course will be taught with one instructor and that they did want to include IFMG in the proposal.]

Provisionally approved on Lewis/Dassier Motion– unanimous

b. 21-45 Child Development and Family Science Minor, program revision, catalog description change, program title change (was Child Development and Family Relations Minor), variability of delivery

New change can be seen under Section G – the proposer included the answers to the VOD questions that were missing. All courses had been previously approved for DE.

Approved on Rachhini/Lewis Motion– unanimous.

c. 21-56 Batch Deletion of HIST courses, course deletions

Approved on Lewis/Muchtar Motion– unanimous

d. 21-57a ENVE 211 Statics and Solid Mechanics, modification of prerequisites

Approved on Seal/Rachini motion – unanimous.

e. 21-27b ENVE 300 Fluid Mechanics, course number change (was 201), modification of prerequisites

Approved on Greenawalt/Muchtar Motion– unanimous

f. 21-59 Liberal Studies, Learning Skills, program revision

This change is being proposed by the English Department. It will change the Liberal Studies writing requirement so that ENGL 202 would not have to be taken by students in a major that has an approved WAC plan. Students still could take ENGL 202 if they wanted. Each year the Liberal Studies Office updates the list of departments with approved WAC plans so that Degree Works can be adjusted. Any department that intends to submit their writing plan should send their plan to Bryna.

Reilly recalled that she did not make a change to the rationale.

Provisionally approved on Lewis / Greenawalt motion – unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:44PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aya Muchtar