

University Curriculum Committee

Minutes #4

October 12, 2022

Members Present: Califf, Chen, Hunter, Howe, Leonard, Newport, Paolucci, Pence, Ren, Hurd, Stabler, Hurley

Members Absent: Kroesch, Pierce, Punke, Baum

Guests: Ian Gawron – Office of Registrar, Danielle Lindsey – Office of Registrar, Stacy Ramsey – Office of Registrar

1. Convene: Newport convened the meeting at 3:10.
2. Introductions:

Newport inquired if there were any edits to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

3. Action Items:

Policy 2.1.9 Discussion (Continuation from the 9/28/2022 Meeting)

Newport introduced the discussion indicating an email from Amy Hurd specifying that the three primary areas of discussion will involve whether or not too: Reduce senior hours from 42 credit hours to 40. To lower the major total hours from 82 to 72, and figuring out precise wording on major/minor requirements.

Hurd led most of the discussion from here where she went through the document as a whole, and discussion occurred on various points that stood out. There were brief discussions throughout the meeting on various topics such as: Dual bachelor students (students who graduate with two bachelor degrees simultaneously), incomplete grades, the old general education requirements being listed, updating the wording on “Global Studies” to “AMALI,” among other topics. The discussion concerning the 42 senior college hours included: Hurd, Ramsey (guest), Lindsey (guest), Chen, Newport, Gawron (guest), Paolucci. The discussion centered around: the benefits/issues with lowering the senior college hours, equity/access considerations, specific major/course offering concerns, the importance of advisors in assisting students, the legal requirement of maintaining 40 as the minimum, how transfer students interact with senior college hours, and the data from 2018 on the few numbers of 42 senior hour waivers. After a brief discussion on how best to vote, it was decided to informally vote on each proposed change and then formally vote as a package at the end of the discussion. Paolucci motioned a vote to lower the 42 senior college hours to 40. Leonard seconded. 11 voted in favor. 0 against. 1 abstention (Chen).

The next item discussed was concerning the removal of the Teacher Education line concerning “completing professional education requirements and a major approved for teacher education.” The discussion included: Hurd, Califf, Newport, Hunter, Paolucci. This discussion was brief where it was concluded that the line appeared to be redundant and unnecessary. Hunter motioned to remove the two sentences from the policy. Paolucci seconded. All voted in favor. 0 against. 0 abstentions.

There was a brief discussion about why the general education requirements were listed in policy 2.1.9, especially older general education requirements from before 2014. The discussion included: Hurd,

Lindsey (guest), Califf, Paolucci. The discussion essentially concluded that the policy should simply indicate that the general education requirements should be met, but the policy should simply allude to viewing the academic catalog for specific general education requirements. Califf motioned a vote to strike the general education specifics from the policy and to include more general language directing people to the academic catalog. Hunter seconded. All voted in favor. 0 against. 0 abstentions.

The next primary discussion item was concerning undergraduate certificates. The discussion primarily included: Hurd, Califf, Lindsey (guest), Paolucci, Chen, Ren, Leonard, Paolucci, Hunter, Newport. The discussion centered on: Who is requesting certificates, logistical/process concerns, exact wording/wordsmithing of the certificate policy, how they might be related to endorsements/minors, and the importance/differences between “official” and “unofficial” records. It was generally concluded that: departments were requesting certificates; that there were considerable logistical concerns/considerations that would need to be worked through; that these are entirely separate from endorsements/minors, and that the Office of Registrar handles official records and making certificates official would allow transcription/better tracking as opposed to informal or less formal certificates being administered through departments. It was discussed that certificates would need to go through the curriculum process and evaluated. Hunter motioned a vote of approval with the updated language workshopped in the UCC meeting, Pence seconded. 10 voted in favor. 1 against (Leonard), and 1 abstention (Califf).

4. Liaison Assignments:

Council for General Education – There was no report given the discussion on the action item(s)

Council for Teacher Education – There was no report given the discussion on the action item(s)

5. Staff report: N/A

6. Miscellaneous: N/A

7. Adjournment: Hunter motioned a vote to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.