

University Curriculum Committee

Minutes # 10

December 1, 2021

Members Present: Califf, Howell, Jia, Johnston, Newport, Paolucci, Pence, Hunter, Kalter, Falbe, Leonard, Kroesch, Hurd, Jin, Duffy, Myers

Members Absent: Carlson, Sammons, Sessom

Guests: Ian Gawron – Registrar’s Office, Danielle Lindsey – Registrar’s Office, Alan Lin – Department of English, Chris De Santis – Department of English, Catherine Ellison – Department of English, Jess Ray – Office of Registrar.

1. Convene: Califf convened the UCC meeting

2. Introductions:

3. Approval of Minutes:

Califf, hearing no changes to the minutes, indicated that the minutes were approved.

4. Proposed Discussion and Action:

a. Publishing Sequence (ENG) – Hunter, Pence

Hunter/Pence explained the changes to the proposal. The lead reviewers indicated that the changes primarily aimed to include two courses (ENG 305 and ENG 306) to the elective course list option. They indicated that this did not lead to an increase in hours, and that the change appears to be straightforward. The lead reviewers did mention that there were formatting changes that appear to be desired. This led to a discussion concerning previous iterations of the catalog, and that some language was accidentally left off and not detected/corrected over the years. This program revision partially serves to reinstate language that was left off. This led to a wider discussion on catalog copy format, and what might be the best ways to display the requirements/information. This discussion primarily included: Hunter, Califf, De Santis (guest), Kalter, Lindsey (guest), Ellison (guest), Newport, Lin (guest), Braxton, Ray (guest), Falbe, Kroesch. This formatting highlighted why the “take 6 hours of 398” was separate, the clarity of “senior college-level” versus “200/300 level” courses, potential wording that was left off concerning electives, and potential separate elective list/requirement concerning literature electives. Califf indicated that the discussion on potential editorial concerns is important but separate from the desired program changes initially proposed. Califf indicated that this proposal could be voted on pending editorial changes. There was a brief discussion between Newport, Falbe, Kalter, Califf, Paolucci, and De Santis (guest) about this point. This discussion primarily indicated that these editorial concerns were unintentional. A brief discussion occurred if Gawron (guest) would be making the editorial changes or if the proposal will be sent back on revision for the initiators/department to make the changes. It was determined that the proposal will be sent back on revision. Pence motioned a vote of approval pending editorial changes. Hunter seconded. All voted in favor. Zero against. Zero abstentions.

[Approved Catalog Copy Pending]

b. French Teacher Education (LAN) Sequence – Hunter/Pence

Hunter/Pence explained the changes being made. They indicated that the only change they are looking to make would be the removal of FRE 209 from required and moving it to the elective list; this would increase the hours of the electives by 3 but reduce the hours of the required courses by 3 – this would not increase the hours of the program. Howell explained that this change was needed because of a staff shortage that made offering FRE 209 regularly difficult. There was a brief discussion on the wording of the elective section and why this program does not required SED 344. This discussion included: Lindsey (guest), Howell, Kroesch, Falbe, Hurd. There was a brief discussion on potential accreditation concerns and changes to the state content exam. This discussion included: Howell, Kalter. Hunter motioned a vote of approval. Pence seconded. 15 voted in favor. 0 against. 1 abstention (Howell). Below is the approved catalog copy:

Major Requirements

Degree type: B.A.

Minimum required credit hours: 67 (includes 23 Professional Education courses)

FRE 115
FRE 116
FRE 213
FRE 215
FRE 224
FRE 237
FRE 305
LAN 319
LAN 320
LAN 321

Take additional FRE electives to meet the total hour requirement above.

At least 3 credit hours (1 course) must be at the 300-level

FRE 209
FRE 236
FRE 285
FRE 287
FRE 300
FRE 314
FRE 325
FRE 327
FRE 328
FRE 335
FRE 340
FRE 341
FRE 385
FRE 386

Professional Education Requirements

TCH 210
TCH 212
TCH 216
STT 399A12 (12 credit hours)
Take 1 of the following courses

EAF 228
EAF 231
EAF 235
Notes

Admission to Professional Studies required.

University-Wide Teacher Education Requirements

c. Network and Telecommunications (IT) – Hunter/Pence

Califf gave a brief history of this program proposal indicating that a proposal with some similar changes was approved by the UCC last year, but that program name change was rejected, so the proposal was never fully approved. Califf indicated that this proposal is a second attempt to move some of those changes through, and that this name change, Computer Networking, was already approved. Hunter/Pence explained the changes from there. They indicated that the associated courses have already been approved, that various courses were removed and added, but all the prerequisites/total hours added up correctly. A brief discussion occurred concerning the Library Approver line being marked "N/A," and possible improvements on the proposal form system to have the Library Approver question more up front than toward the end of the form. This discussion included: Hunter, Newport, Kalter. This discussion continued concerning potential resources needed for the program, and what the university might already have. This discussion included: Hunter, Newport, Califf, Paolucci. Hunter motioned a vote of approval. Pence seconded. 15 voted in favor. 0 against. 1 abstention (Califf). Below is the approved catalog copy:

Computer Networking

Degree Type: B.S.

Major Requirements

Minimum required credit hours: 76

ACC 131
COM 223
IT 168
IT 170
IT 191
IT 214
IT 250
IT 254
IT 261
IT 262
IT 276
IT 373
IT 377
IT 379
IT 380
IT 381
IT 398

Take 1 of the following

COM 227
ENG 249

Take 1 of the following

MAT 120
MAT 145

Take 1 of the following

MAT 146
MAT 160

Take 3 courses (9 credit hours) from the following

IT 256
IT 310
IT 311
IT 350
IT 351
IT 357
IT 359
IT 360
IT 370
IT 374
IT 376
IT 378

Take 1 of the following

ECO 138
MQM 100
PSY 138
Notes

Acceptable substitution for 3 hours of IT 398 is 3 hours of IT 391

Acceptable substitution for 6 hours of IT 398 is 3 hours of IT 391 and 3 additional hours from IT 256, IT 310, IT 311, IT 350, IT 351, IT 357, IT 359, IT 360, IT 370, IT 374, IT 376, IT 378 (if not used to satisfy other requirements)

5. Liaison Assignments:

a. Council for General Education – Califf reported that CGE reviewed/approved various IDS and ESL courses. Califf alluded to an interesting discussion concerning QR General Education designation for a language course given specifics of B.A. degrees. Califf indicated this QR designation for a language course was not approved.

b. Council for Teacher Education – Nothing was reported

c. Academic Affairs Committee – Kalter indicated that policy 7.7.2 and 7.7.8 were discussed and that 7.7.8 was finalized. Kalter also reported that the Graduate School Director search was concluding, that the verification of student identity was still being discussed, and that HLC (Higher Learning Commission) made changes concerning distance rules applying to all sections of courses even if only one section of the course was online. Kalter reported that the Pass/No Pass and Credit/No Credit rules are being discussed. Kalter also alluded to philosophical discussions on if a student can decide to keep a course as graded, then switch to P/NP, then potentially switch back to graded. Kalter made general reference to Academic Senate work being conducted on various searches for different positions and that election day 2022 will be an administrative closure day.

6. Staff Report:

Hurd reported that the Higher Learning Commission's change to distance credit is something the Provost's Office is looking into/working on.

7. Miscellaneous:

Nothing

8. Adjournment:

The UCC adjourned approximately 4:23 pm.