

Curriculum Committee  
March 5, 2018

Present: J. Arruda, G. Coomes, S. Drew, T. Flood (for T. Dobrowolski), E. Hollingsworth, J. McBain, J. Neef, J. Oliver, G. Prelogar, E. Ramage, L. Washburn B. Winters

Guests: Darren Botello-Samson, Celia Patterson

Dr. Bobby Winters, Associate Dean, served as chair and called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Dr. Joe Arruda introduced legislation for the Biology Department. Request includes revision of BIOL 538 Aquatic Plants, deletion of BIOL 730 Evolution and creation of new courses BIOL 575 Animal Behavior, 576 Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Mgt, 642 Identification of Grasses and Sedges and 674 Basics of Human Toxicology. Motion and second to consider as a package (Neef, McBain). Discussion. Motion and second to approve legislation submitted (Washburn, Drew) and motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Celia Patterson presented legislation for the English and Modern Languages Department, Professional Writing Program. Dept proposes revising the course descriptions of ENGL 526 Writing in Electronic Environments I, ENGL 527 Writing for the Public I, ENGL 528 Writing for Publication I, and ENGL 529 The Art of Discourse I. The only change is the addition of one sentence saying the course may be repeated if the topic changes. Motion and second to consider the four courses as a bundle and to approve (Krepps, McBain). Friendly amendment to add dept prefix to the course number of the forms before they move on to the next committee. Motion with friendly carried unanimously.

Dr. Patterson also presented legislation for revision of the Language Emphasis removing ENGL 478 and 479 as requirements and adding electives in their place. Motion and second to approve (Oliver, Washburn). Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Laura Washburn introduced legislation for EngML Creative Writing Program. Dept proposes course title changes for ENGL 351, ENGL 352, ENGL 451, and ENGL 452 to include "and Editing." Dept proposes creation of four new courses ENGL 546 Poetry: Evolution of Forms, ENGL 651 Writing and Publishing Fiction, ENGL 652 Writing and Publishing Poetry, and ENGL 653 Writing Experimental Literatures. Motion and second to consider as a package and approve as a package (Drew, Prelogar). Friendly amendment to add the prefix to ENGL 652 before it goes to the next level. Motion carried.

Ms. Washburn introduced the request for revision to the BA English Traditional Emphasis to reflect new courses and course revisions. She also introduced revision to the emphasis in Creative Writing to delete sub emphases (Poetry and Fiction) and revision to the name of the minor Creative Writing to Creative Writing: Creation, Editing, and Publishing to agree with revisions to courses. Motion and second to consider the legislation as one bundle and approve (Drew, Need). Friendly amendment to correct mistake in current/proposed program (remove ENGL 546 from Literature Electives list in current and move to Literature Electives in proposed). Unanimous approval.

Ms. Goldie Prelogar spoke on behalf of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dept proposes deletion of Fashion Merchandising emphasis due to low number of majors and inability to attract and retain qualified faculty. Motion and second to approve (Washburn, Drew). Discussion and motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Darren Botello-Samson presented legislation for the Political Science program, HPSS dept. In response to recommendations of program review, Dept proposes changes to the International Studies major including: Revision to INT 505 Topics in International Studies, INT 510 Readings in International Studies, INT 690 Study Abroad, and INT Internship/Practicum and deletion of the International Studies major.

Associated changes include creating new emphases: 1) BA in Political Science with Dual Emphases in Political Science and International Studies, BA in Political Science with Dual Emphases in Pre-Law and International Studies for students who were doing a double major with International Studies; and 2) BA in Political Science with Emphasis in International Studies for students who had previously majored in International Studies.

Dept also requests revision of the BA Political Science with an Emphasis in Pre-Law to make the curriculum consistent with other emphases and revision of BA Political Science with No Emphasis to expand the International Relations subfield for easier completion.

Final request relating to International Studies is revision of the minor to get down to the BoR mandated 24 credit hours or less for a minor. Motion and second to consider International Studies items as a package and to approve (Oliver, Neef). Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. James McBain presented request for revision to Sociology Program, HPSS. Dept proposes revision of SOSCI 387 Social Research Design from four credit hours to three hours to better serve students in Justice Studies and Sociology by eliminating scheduling conflicts. Also is in line with BoR 120 credit hour majors.

Dr. Bobby Winters introduced legislation for the BIS degree to reduce credit hours for each degree (Analytics, Fraud Examination, Liberal Studies, and SSRM) from 124 to 120 credit hours by reducing the number of free electives. Motion and second to consider as a package and approve (Winters, Coomes). Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Winters presented the request to create a new course, SSRM 500 Topics in Sustainability—a variable content topics course allowing the program to broaden the scope of SSRM and draw upon the expertise of a wider variety of faculty. Motion and second to approve (Drew, McBain). Discussion and motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Winters spoke on behalf of Physics to request revision of the Physics minor to address past curriculum changes. Dept also proposes revision of Physics 691 Senior Research Project—changing prerequisite to prevent unprepared students from taking the course. Motion and second to approve two revisions (Drew, McBain) and motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45PM.