

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the January 29, 2021 Meeting

Members present: Marie Sheckels (chair), Eric Gable, Rachel Graefe-Anderson, Larry Lehman.
Ex-officio members present: Rita Dunston, Kevin Caffrey

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. The minutes of the December 7 meeting had been previously approved via email.

Old Business:

Following consultation between the UCC chair and the director of the Digital Studies program, the committee approved both DGST 491 and DGST 492 as Individual Study courses, but with 492 modified to have variable credit of 1-3 hours, rather than 1-6 as originally proposed. With this change and these approvals, the UCC approved the Digital Studies minor.

The committee approved a new major concentration, Classics: Ancient Mediterranean Studies, following consultation between the UCC chair and the chair of the CPR department, about its relation to the Classical Civilization major.

New Business:

The committee provisionally approved a new program proposal in African American Studies, pending consultation between the UCC chair and the current head of the program on a suggestion from the CAS Faculty Council to rotate leadership of the program among faculty members representing different departments.

[Addendum: Following this consultation, it was agreed to add the following sentence to the African American Studies program proposal: “Leadership of the minor program will rotate among various affiliated faculty and departments, with terms set at two years.” This change was approved by the UCC via email.]

The committee approved changes in the Biology major to adjust catalogue language to reflect changes in laboratory class requirements.

The committee approved several changes in catalogue wording in connection to the Conservation Biology major. As part of these changes, reflecting an agreement with the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation, the UCC approved the following new courses:

1. CONS 320: Conservation in Practice
2. CONS 400: Conservation Seminar
3. CONS 401: Conservation Theory
4. CONS 402: Applied Conservation
5. CONS 404: Biodiversity Monitoring

6. CONS 405: Landscape and Macrosystems Ecology
7. CONS 406: Small Population Management
8. CONS 410: Human Dimensions of Conservation
9. CONS 490: Integrated Conservation Strategies
10. CONS 491: Conservation Management Planning
11. CONS 496: Research in Conservation

The committee suggests that language be added to the catalogue to clarify that these courses are managed and taught through George Mason University rather than directly and locally by UMW faculty.

The committee approved changes in the English major to reflect the introduction of a JOUR prefix for several journalism courses that previously had an ENGL prefix.

The committee approved similar changes in the English: Creative Writing major to reflect the introduction of the JOUR prefix.

The committee approved changes in the Latin major that are part of a comprehensive revision of the Classics program.

The committee approved several revisions in catalogue language for the Music major, reflecting credit hour changes.

The committee approved several changes in the Spanish major related to ten-year review recommendations. As part of these revisions, the UCC approved the following new course

1. SPAN 319: Transatlantic Texts in Spanish

The committee approved a name change for the Women's and Gender Studies major to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The UCC chair will consult with the WGST program director as to whether this change should also be reflected in the course titles for WGST 300 and WGST 400, which are currently Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. (Changes in these titles could not be approved in time for the new catalogue in any case.)

The committee approved catalogue changes in the Journalism minor, reflecting the introduction of the JOUR prefix.

The committee approved changes in the Music minor, similar to changes in the Music major approved earlier.

The committee approved changes in the Musical Theatre minor to increase the number of courses that can fulfill the Dance portion of that minor.

The committee approved a change in AMST 491 from 3 credit hours to variable credit (1-4 credit hours).

The committee approved a new course, CYBR 461: Cyber Certificate Studies: Ethical Hacking. The course had been originally proposed as CYBR 461A, but the committee decided that the

apparent plan of additional Cyber Certificate Studies courses would be better served by different course numbers rather than different suffixes on the same number, as each one would require a separate new course approval.

The committee approved the following additional new courses:

1. AMST 308: Civil Rights and American Memory
2. DANC 111: Introduction to Dance
3. DGST 301: Special Topics in Digital Studies
4. HISP 326: Graves & Burial Grounds
5. HISP 480: Professional Practice
6. JOUR 499: Internship
7. LATN 420: Rhetoric and Argumentation in Ancient Rome
8. PHYD 307: Leisure Time Sports

We agreed to hold the next UCC meeting Thursday, February 4 at 3:30 p.m., in anticipation of several additional proposals that will require action before the new catalogue is approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lehman, secretary