

**University Curriculum Committee
Minutes
Friday, September 27, 2024 via Zoom**

Participants: Dawn Bowen (CAS), Teresa Coffman (COE), Lance Gentry (COB), and Rita Dunston (Registrar)

Dawn called the meeting to order at 2:47 PM. Jonathan Levin (UFC) was appointed after the UCC meetings were scheduled, he was unable to make this first meeting.

I. New Business

A. Course Change Proposals

Committee voted to approve the change proposals for BUAD 457, LRSP 344, LRSP 412, LRSP 460, MGMT 302, and MGMT 421.

B. New Course Proposals

Committee voted to approve the new course proposals for FINC 499, MGMT 351, MGMT 366, MGMT 368, MGMT 428, and MTKG 413.

C. Program Change Proposal

Committee voted to approve the revised minor in Entrepreneurship.

D. New Program Proposals

Committee voted to approve the new major in Finance.

II. Potential Changes to Curriculum Approval Process

The UCC reviewed Appendix C: Considerations for Streamlining the Curriculum Approval Process.

- A. **Model 1:** Maintain college and university-level curriculum committees, but add more actions to the expedited list. Appendix C did not have any suggested actions to add to the expedited list. **The UCC did not see this proposal as making much of a difference from current practice.**
- B. **Model 2:** Remove college-level curriculum committees. **The opinion of this committee was that this would be a mistake and not very efficient.** For example, the College of Education extensively discusses state-mandated changes to programs for education certification. Instead of having a few education specialists discuss these changes amongst themselves, this proposal would require these extensive discussions consume the time of many faculty who are unfamiliar with the requirements for primary and secondary school certification. Similar logic holds for other programs that require specific accreditation.
- C. **Model 3:** Keeping the college-level committees and eliminating the university-level curriculum committee (This model was not in Appendix C, but was unanimously recommended by a prior UCC). This model seems more in line with UMW's ASPIRE

values and more efficient than the other two models. Instead of many faculty reviewing every change, a smaller of faculty with expertise in the curriculum areas under discussion would review a smaller number of changes. The only downside is that the UFC would receive three smaller reports instead of one larger report. **The opinion of the university curriculum committee was that the best solution would be to eliminate the UCC so long as this did not hurt accreditation.** The committee did not believe that the very rare instance of the UCC catching a mistake from a college committee was worth the time and effort of the faculty and registrar officers attending a redundant meeting.

Meet adjourned at 3:34 PM

Our next meeting will be November 1 at 2:45 PM.

Minutes approved by email.