

University Curriculum Committee

October 18, 2021

ZOOM

2:30pm

MINUTES

Calling of the Roll

Jasmine O'Brien took roll using Zoom names. Quorum met.

Announcements

None

Old Business

None

Meeting Minute Approval

Motion carries

Consent Agenda Items – All items require final approval by the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

Motion passed

A. Course Prerequisite Change

Implementation Spring 2022

- a. ART 324X – Special Topics in Art History
 - Updating the course prerequisite to allow more options as students are now required to take two courses from ART 2010, 2015, and 2020. Therefore, the prerequisite is being updated to allow “or” options for those courses.

B. Course Credit Hour Update

Implementation Fall 2022

- a. MATH 4321 Introduction to Symbolic Computation
 - With the new concentration of Data Science being proposed it was decided this course should become a three credit hour course and include more content to give the students more of an understanding to Symbolic Computation.

C. Course Name Changes

Implementation Spring 2022

- a. HIST 5XXX – Duplicate Course Title Project
 - Updating the names of the graduate courses so they are not identical to those courses at the undergraduate level.

D. Course Deletions

Implementation Spring 2022

- a. ART 324H – Special Topics in Art History
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- b. ART 410L – Topics in Studio Art
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- c. PSYC 5020 – Human Development: Adult and Aging
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- d. PSYC 5040 – Behavior Modification: Theories and Practicum
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- e. PSYC 5060 – Independent Study
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- f. PSYC 5090 – Social and Community Psychology
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- g. PSYC 5500 – Industrial and Organizational Psychology
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- h. PSYC 5840 – Advanced Statistical Analysis
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- i. PSYC 5850 – Independent Study
 - Course has not been taught in six years.
- j. PSYC 5960 – Applied Research Paper in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
 - Course has not been taught in six years.

Action Agenda Items

Academic Affairs

Policy Update

1. Policy 2:011 Membership and Responsibility of the University Curriculum Committee
 - a. Should we keep the policy as we also have a constitution?

Lynne Crosby, Senior Vice Provost and AVP Academic Affairs, explained the context – APSU has two numbered policies related to UCC. Policy 2:001 codifies the approval process and Policy 2:011 sets the charge and membership criteria and terms of service of the UCC. It is unclear why Policy 2:011 exists, as it is probably the only university policy solely for the purpose of the membership and charge of a standing committee. After some brief discussion, the UCC voted to support merging Policies 2:001 and 2:011.

College of Arts and Letters

Department of Communication – represented by Dr. Rob Baron

Undergraduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

Linked Items #1 and #2.

1. Communication Media, BA/BS Implementation Fall 2022
 - Updating the major to allow students to complete a minor within the department of Communication or from any other department.
2. Professional Communication, BA/BS Implementation Fall 2022
 - Updating the major to allow students to complete a minor within the department of Communication or from any other department.

Dr. Rob Baron, Department Chair of Communication, explained that ACEJMC expected students to be able to take more courses outside of the major. Since Communication is no longer seeking ACEJMC accreditation, the department would like allow students to take more courses within the major or department. The Provost asked questions about minor requirements. A minor is not required. Students choosing a minor can select a minor within Communication or outside of the department.

Motion passed.

Department of Languages and Literature – represented by Dr. Marisa Sikes, Dr. Katherine Honea and Dr. Andrew Kostakis

Undergraduate New Course – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

3. LING 2020 – Dialects of English Implementation Spring 2022
- Whether y'all drink pops or sodas, or reckon that indubitably is an every-day word, the way we speak reveals an awful lot about us: our home base, educational background, social affiliations, and much more! This course explores such details in English varieties spoken across the globe and represented in popular media

Dr. Andrew Kostakis, Department of Languages and Literature, explained that this course will be designed to attract students at the lower division level. The provost asked if this is an elective. Dr. Kostakis confirmed.

Motion passed.

Undergraduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

Linked agenda items #4-6.

4. English, BA Implementation Fall 2022
- Updating the elective options to include LING 4041, How Words Work, and LING 4042, How Sound Works.
5. English Education concentration, English BA Implementation Fall 2022
- Updating the elective options to include LING 4041, How Words Work, and LING 4042, How Sound Works.
6. Linguistics Minor Implementation Fall 2022
- Updating the minor requirements to include: LING 2020 - Dialects of English LING 4041 - How Words Work LING 4042 - How Sounds Work LING 4080 - Theories in Second Language Acquisition LING 4700 - Linguistics Project

Dr. Andrew Kostakis, Department of Languages and Literature, explained that these changes are designed to allow students to take the Linguistics courses as electives with a variety of majors.

Motion passed.

7. Spanish Minor Implementation Fall 2022
- Updating the minor requirements to allow more flexibility for completion. By removing SPAN 3310 and allowing additional elective options, students are able to select more courses of interest while completing the minor.

Dr. Katherine Honea, Department of Languages and Literature, explained that they are not adding courses, but really a lateral move to allow students to choose from more options in the minor, rather than restricted to a rigid list.

Motion passed.

Department of Music – represented by Dr. Michael Chandler and Dr. Patty Halbeck

Graduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

8. Collaborative Piano concentration, Music MMU Implementation Fall 2022
- The Master of Music with concentration in Collaborative Piano is a new concentration in the Master of Music program. The closest current concentration is Performance and the new concentration has similar theory, literature, and history options. The theory requirements remain the same, the history component focuses on music from 1750 to the present, and the literature options include piano, vocal, and chamber music options.

Dr. Chandler, Department of Music, explained that the department is proposing the Collaborative Piano concentration in MMU Music major. Dr. Patty Halbeck explained that collaborative piano is designed for pianists accompanying musical theatre and other avenues. This includes existing courses and three new three-credit classes. A question was raised about the timing for NASM program accreditation. Dr. Kristen Sienkiewicz explained that the application for this new concentration was submitted to NASM last week. The accreditor should review and make a decision in December and provide feedback, with anticipated start date of Fall 2022.

Motion passed.

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Department of Criminal Justice

Graduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

9. Criminal Justice, MS Implementation Spring 2022
- Updating the electives to include the courses that are required in the Homeland Security Concentration. These were inadvertently left off when the elective area when the program was built.

Jasmine O'Brien, Curriculum Coordinator, explained the proposal on behalf of Criminal Justice. When the program was approved by THEC, the required courses for the Homeland Security concentration were not included in the elective options for the MS Criminal Justice with no concentration. This was an accident and the proposal will add those courses as elective options.

Motion passed.

Department of Sociology

Undergraduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

10. Environmental Studies Minor Implementation Fall 2022
- Adding language to the minor to specifically state students must complete 6 hours of upper level credit. This assists with bringing the minor into compliance with the Degree Components document.

Dr. Misty Ring-Ramirez, Department of Sociology explained that sociology majors are interested in adding the environmental studies minor. This proposal revises the minor option.

Motion passed.

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Department of Agriculture – represented by Dr. Don Sudbrink and Dr. Christy Webb

Undergraduate New Course – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

Linked agenda items #11-13.

11. AGRI 2705 – Introduction to Veterinary Technology Profession Implementation Spring 2022
- The course will provide students an introduction to a wide range of principles that veterinary technicians/technologists use on a daily basis. It will briefly cover these topics as an introduction into the veterinary technician/technologist profession with a particular focus on providing a ready reference on the diverse information that will assist the student upon entering the field.
12. AGRI 3740 – Veterinary Technology Dentistry Implementation Spring 2022
- The course develops a range of skills in dentistry from maintenance of equipment, radiology and anesthesia for animals and following up with client education.
 - Dentistry is a required topic by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) the program accrediting body to enhance to student's comprehension of Pharmacology.

13. AGRI 4740 – Veterinary Technology Pharmacological Therapies Implementation Spring 2022

- The course covers the use and application of several types of veterinary drugs as well as pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, clinical use, dosage forms, and adverse effects. Techniques learned will include dosage calculation and administration as well as client communication.
- Pharmacology is a required topic by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) the program accrediting body to enhance to student's comprehension of Pharmacology.

Dr. Christy Webb, Department of Agriculture, explained that upper level students were not fully aware of what the vet tech concentration entailed. AGRI 2705 course will help provide a foundation of vet tech for lower division students. The faculty also wish to improve the program based on students' exam performance, and therefore AGRI 3740 and AGRI 4740 are proposed.

Motion passed.

Department of Mathematics – represented by Dr. Ramanjit Sahi

Undergraduate New Course – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

Linked agenda items #14 and #15.

14. STAT 4170 – Data Visualization and Exploration Implementation Spring 2022
- Introduction to data analysis, pitfalls of data visualizations, making data-driven inferences and decisions, high dimensional data visualization, statistical and data mining techniques in information visualization.

Undergraduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

15. Data Science Concentration, BS Mathematics Implementation Fall 2022
- Adding the Data Science concentration makes the Mathematics & Statistics major more diverse. This new concentration incorporates mathematics, statistics, and programming to develop and apply methodologies to solve problems in the real world. Thus, this concentration is in alignment with APSU Strategic plan and mission as it will help the students to learn the latest curriculum material, enhance the marketing of an existing undergraduate program, grow enrollment, support a dynamic workforce and raise general awareness of the presence of a data science program at APSU.

Dr. Ramanjit Sahi, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, explained the proposal. Dual enrollment and other students are going to MTSU because that university offers data science and APSU does not. With the support of Dean Meisch, the faculty would like to propose a data science concentration. All of the courses exist at APSU, except one course (STAT 4170 –see #14 above).

Motion passed.

16. Mathematics, BS

Implementation Fall 2022

- Adding CSCI 1010 / 1011 (Lab) will provide Mathematics majors student with an option towards Computer Science course that is required by them to fulfill their major requirement. This course will prepare students to integrate mathematics/statistics with the latest programming tools, make them more marketable and a part of a dynamic workforce. Thus, this course is in alignment with APSU strategic plan and mission.

Dr. Ramanjit Sahi, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, explained the proposal. All other concentrations within the Mathematics major allow students to complete CSCI 1010/1011 or CSCI 2000, currently the straight Mathematics major did not allow this and this proposal seeks to add that option. Someone noted that there is a typo – it should say CSCI 1000/ 1001 (Lab). The lab number was correct the lecture had a typo.

Motion passed.

Department of Degree Completion

Department of Degree Completion - represented by Dr. Allen Barger

Undergraduate New Course – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

17. APSU 4020 – General Studies Internship

Implementation Fall 2022

- This internship is a practical work experience in an approved organization enhancing student learning of academic concepts and theories in the student's major/concentration area. Students are required to identify potential internship opportunities which must be vetted through Career Services to ensure compliance with U. S. Department of Labor Guidelines with Internships and be approved by the instructor before registering for the course. Students must complete at least 180 hours for their internship.

Dr. Allen Barger explained that some students are interested in internships instead of a capstone course. Some academic departments do not offer internship courses. One member asked about the number of academic departments that do not offer internships courses. The provost asked for more information. Dr. Barger explained that he prefers that the students enroll in an internship course in the academic department. A member mentioned that their academic department will be proposing the elimination of their internship courses at the next UCC and was not aware that the BS General Studies would now include an internship course. Dr. Barger could serve as internship course instructor of record. A member asked about all workload credit for Dr. Barger's internship course. A member suggested that Dr. Barger collaborate with a relevant college curriculum committee before bringing certain agenda items to the UCC. Another committee member mentioned that this proposal is important because the College of Education sends students to Dr. Barger and the BS General Studies. Another committee member expressed a desire that this program proposal was vetted with academic departments prior to today's meeting. The provost asked if Dr. Barger could add a note to the program explaining that students should take the internship course in the relevant academic department if it exists. Dr. Barger agreed to do so.

Motion passed with one “no” vote.

Undergraduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

18. Humanities Concentration, General Studies, BS
Fall 2022

Implementation

- Updating the concentration to include the courses from the previous Arts concentration. This will allow students more options for completion of the concentration.

Dr. Allen Barger explained that this change was prompted by a discussion with some CoAL department chairs and Dean Barry Jones due to program accreditation concerns. The Provost asked Dean Jones if they CoAL college curriculum committee had reviewed the proposal. Dean Jones said “no.” Dean Jones explained that the issue is not satisfied simply by changing the name of the concentration and instead could necessitate a curriculum or course changes.

Motion to table agenda item #18.

Motion passed.

Eriksson College of Education

Department of Education Specialties – represented by Sherri Prosser

Graduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

19. Instructional Technology, MAED

Implementation Spring 2022

- Updating offering to completely online for the program.

Dr. Benita Bruster, Department of Teaching and Learning, explained the proposal to offer the program as a completely online program.

Motion passed.

Graduate Program Modification – Final approval required from the University President

Linked agenda items #20 and #21.

20. Advanced Studies Concentration, MAED

Implementation Fall 2022

- Terminating the concentration due to low enrollment.

21. Education Specialist Degree

Implementation Fall 2022

- Austin Peay State University began a Doctor of Education (EdD) program in Fall 2018 within the Department of Educational Specialties. Students seeking a post-master’s degree now have the doctorate; enrollment in the Education Specialist program has declined accordingly. The reason

for termination of the Education Specialist program is to focus our faculty and resources on maintaining and expanding our doctoral program.

Dr. Benita Bruster, Department of Teaching and Learning, explained that the teach out plan would start in Fall 2022. The provost asked about timeline for ceasing to admit students and Dr. Bruster indicated Fall 2022. The senior vice provost asked about the end of the teach out timeframe.

Motion passed.