Faculty Senate Report: Summary of December UCC Minutes

Date: December 15, 2025
Location: Iris Room
Time: 2:30 PM

Old Business

- **MATH 4500 – Introduction to Modern Algebra:**
    - Approved prerequisite update to remove "or higher" from the statement, clarifying the requirement as "MATH 3010 or permission of the instructor."

Meeting Minute Approval

- November 10, 2025, UCC Meeting Minutes approved.

Consent Agenda Items (Provost Approval Required)

1. **Course Credit Hour Updates:**
    - Several courses adjusted in credit hours
        - MSLP 6064 increased from 2 to 3 hours
        - MSLP 6074 decreased from 3 to 2 hours
        - MSLP 6082
        - HON 2510
        - NURS 3380
2. **Course Title Updates (18): A few are highlighted below; complete list available if requested**
    - **ART 3410:** Animation II → Animated Performance
    - **CSCI 3550:** Introduction to Game Development → Foundations of Game Development
    - Additional titles revised across various departments.
3. **Course Description Updates: (82 total); Full list available on request**
    - Enhanced clarity and focus on course descriptions (e.g., ART 2420, ART 3410, COMM 3400, etc.).

Course Prerequisite Updates

- Adjustments were made to the prerequisites for several courses, focusing on streamlining and removing outdated requirements (e.g., eliminating ART 1050 from ART 2180).

Course Deletions

- Multiple courses scheduled for termination due to inactivity or curricular updates, including:
    - ENGL 1210, ENGL 1220 (ESL courses)
    - Various German and history electives.

Action Agenda Items

College of Arts and Letters

Department of Art and Design

1. **New Course Implementations:**
    - **ART 3890 – Visual Content for Social Media**
        - Focus: Skills in creating visual content tailored for social media platforms.
        - Prerequisites: ART 1045, ART 1340, ART 1360.
    - **ART 4030 – Advanced Digital Worlds**
        - Focus: Advanced creation of digital assets within narrative contexts.
        - Prerequisites: ART 2420 with a grade of "C" or higher.

Department of Communication

1. **New Course Implementation:**
    - **COMM 3555 – AI and Professional Communication**
        - Focus: Navigating and leveraging AI tools in workplace communication.
        - Prerequisites: COMM 1200, COMM 1110, COMM 1400, or COMM 2010.
2. **Program Modifications:**
    - Corporate Communication and Public Relations Concentrations have been adjusted to remove outdated courses and add new ones, such as **COMM 2230** and **COMM 3250**.

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Department of Health and Human Performance

1. **New Course Implementations:**
    - **MSLP 6190 – Clinical Reasoning I: Diagnostic and Intervention Principles**
        - Focus: Foundational diagnostic reasoning for speech-language pathology.
        - Corequisite: MSLP 6090.
    - **MSLP 6192 – Clinical Reasoning II: Clinical Methods and Evidence Integration**
        - Focus: Advances applied clinical thinking linking evidence to practice.
        - Corequisite: MSLP 6092.
2. **Graduate Program Modification:**

- Speech-Language Pathology MSLP program credit hours increased from 54 to 57.

Department of Leadership

1. **New Certificate Implementation:**
   - **Leadership in Law Enforcement**
     - Focus: Leadership principles and the U.S. criminal justice system.

School of Nursing

New Course Implementations:

1. **NURS 2001 – Transitions to Professional Practice for LPNs**
   - Focus: Validation of prior learning and introduction of new skills for LPNs pursuing BSN.
   - Prerequisite: Admission to the LPN to BSN program.
2. **NURS 2002 – Foundations of Practical Nursing**
   - Credits awarded based on completion of an accredited Practical Nursing program and passing the State Board exam.

New Concentration Implementation:

1. **LPN-to-BSN Concentration in Nursing**
   - A structured pathway for licensed practical nurses to advance their education.

College of Business

Department of Management and Marketing

1. **New Course Implementations:**
   - **BUS 5320 – Applied Supply Chain Management**
     - Focus: Real-world applications in supply chain management.
     - Prerequisite: MBA Major.
   - **BUS 5340 – Agile Project Management**
     - Focus: Principles and practices of Agile project management.
     - Prerequisite: MBA Major.
   - **ECON 5420 – Current Topics in Economics**
     - Focus: The impact of AI on economic analysis and business decision-making.

Graduate Program Modification:

1. **Business Administration, MBA**
   o Adjustments to major requirements, including the removal of FIN 5020 from the Major Core.

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

New Academic Unit Implementation:

1. **Department of Aviation Science**
   o The establishment proposed to house aviation-related programs separately from Engineering Technology.

Department of Biology

1. **Undergraduate Program Modification:**
   o Biology Minor to change credit requirements and structure for enhanced student clarity.

Department of Computer Science and Information Technology

1. **New Course Implementations:**
   o **CSCI 3551 – 3D Game Development**
     ▪ Focus: Fundamentals of 3D video game development.
     ▪ Prerequisites: CSCI 2000 or CSCI 2010.
   o **CSCI 3552 – Game Production Pipeline and Deployment**
     ▪ Focus: Integration of visual, audio, and interactive elements for games.
     ▪ Prerequisite: CSCI 3550 or CSCI 3551.

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Graduate New Course Implementations:

1. **SCI 6550 – Social Issues in Science Education**
   o Examines historical developments and modern challenges in science education.
2. **SPED Courses (5100, 5150, 5300, 5400, 5600)**
   o Focus on visual impairments, Braille instruction, and instructional strategies tailored for special education needs.

Undergraduate Program Modifications:

1. Changes to multiple concentrations to reflect consistent naming conventions across MAT programs for secondary education.

Summary Paragraph:

Recent updates across various colleges have introduced a range of new courses and program modifications to enhance educational offerings. In the **College of Arts and Letters**, the Department of Art and Design is offering **ART 3890 – Visual Content for Social Media**, which focuses on crafting tailored visual content for social media platforms, and **ART 4030 – Advanced Digital Worlds**, which aims to create advanced digital assets within narrative contexts. Additionally, the Department of Communication will introduce **COMM 3555 – AI and Professional Communication**, teaching students to leverage AI tools in workplace communication, while also refining concentrations in Corporate Communication and Public Relations to replace outdated courses with more relevant content.

In the **College of Behavioral and Health Sciences**, the Department of Health and Human Performance will roll out **MSLP 6190 and MSLP 6192**, focusing on clinical reasoning and evidence integration for speech-language pathologists. It will increase the credit hours for the Speech-Language Pathology MSLP program. The School of Nursing is adding foundational courses for LPNs transitioning to BSNs, facilitating skill validation and program completion. Meanwhile, the **College of Business** is launching courses in supply chain management, agile project management, and economic analysis, and is making program adjustments to streamline the MBA curriculum. The **College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics** is proposing a new Department of Aviation Science and enhancing computer science courses with new 3D game development offerings. Lastly, the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education is introducing new graduate courses that explore social issues in science education and special education strategies, while also revising undergraduate concentrations for clarity and consistency. These initiatives reflect a concerted effort to adapt curricula in response to evolving industry demands and educational standards.