

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee
Karen Graffius, Chair
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, Nov. 16, 11:00a.m. (Zoom)

Attendance: Karen Graffius, Bob Lane (Rosemary Kellison proxy), Jessie Hong, Jason Nicholson, Nancy Capponi, John Ponder (proxy for Beth Scullin), Scott Sykes, Melanie Conrad, Lynn Pazzani, Cynthia Brown, Tammy McLenny, Donna Haley and Cody Mason.
Guests: Rob Kilpatrick, Patrick Hadley, Amy Cuomo, Megumi Fujita, Lara Willox, Bradley Deline, Jennifer Edelman, Trina Wood, Salil Talpade, Colleen Vasconcellos

- I. Call to Order at approximately 11:00a.m.
- II. Nov. 2 Meeting Minutes was approved with 9/10 yes votes, with 1 abstention.
- III. Program and Course Proposals

A) College of Arts, Culture and Scientific Inquiry

1) Department of Art, History and Philosophy

a) [ETHICS CERTIFICATE](#)

Request: Add New Program

A stand alone certificate in the philosophical study of ethics. For students in any discipline.

Bob Lane presented information about the new Ethics Certificate and Philosophy proposals. The Ethics Certificate proposal passed with 12/13 yes votes and one abstention.

b) [PHIL 3300 BIOMEDICAL ETHICS](#)

Request: Add New Course

Students in this course will develop the conceptual and theoretical foundations necessary to address moral questions related to issues such as abortion, death, euthanasia, assisted reproduction, and experimentation with human and animal subjects from a philosophical perspective. Part of the new Ethics certificate, Philosophy major and minor as well as an elective for students interested in the content.

c) [PHIL 3310 PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT](#)

Request: Add New Course

This course responds to increasing student interest in moral issues related to the environment, such as environmental justice, divestment from fossil fuels, ethical treatment of animals, sustainable development, carbon neutrality, and climate action.

Part of the new Ethics certificate, Philosophy major and minor as well as an elective for students interested in the content.

d) [PHILOSOPHY, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

A proposal to add two pathways for B.A. students to complete their language requirement. This revision also includes updating curriculum requirements to remove a redundancy and the addition of the new courses above (3300, 3310).

Above items b, c and d were voted on as a block and passed with 12/12 yes votes.

e) [PHILOSOPHY, LAW, JUSTICE AND SOCIETY TRACK, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

A proposal to add two pathways for B.A. students to complete their language requirement. Also a request to add the new courses above (3300, 3310).

f) [PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION TRACK, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Same revision request as Philosophy, Law, Justice and Society Track, B.A.

Above items e and f were voted on as a block and passed with 13/13 yes votes.

g) [ART, ART HISTORY OPTION, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

A proposal to add two pathways for BA students to complete their language requirements. (See rationale for further explanation.)

h) [HISTORY, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Same revision request as Art, Art History Option, B.A.

i) [HISTORY SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Same revision request as Art, Art History Option, B.A.

2) Department of English, Film, Languages and Performing Arts

a) [ENGLISH, B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

(See explanation under Art History, B.A.)

b) [ENGLISH, B.A. \(ACCELERATED BACHELORS TO MASTERS \(ABM\) IN
ENGLISH EDUCATION TRACK](#)

Request: Revise Program

(See explanation under Art History, B.A.)

c) [ENGLISH, B.A. \(ACCELERATED BACHELORS TO MASTERS \(ABM\) TRACK](#)

Request: Revise Program

(See explanation under Art History, B.A.)

d) [ENGLISH, B.A. \(SECONDARY EDUCATION TRACK\)](#)

Request: Revise Program

(See explanation under Art History, B.A.)

e) [THEATER B.A.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Same revision request as Art History, B.A.)

Above items A)1)g - 2)e were voted on as a block and approved with 12/12 yes votes.

f) [THEATER WITH CONCENTRATIONS IN ACTING AND
DESIGN/TECHNOLOGY, B.F.A](#)

Request: Revise Program

A request to delete THEA 4293 which is not necessary for the major and to give students an elective option.

Amy Cuomo explained the revision to the Theater B.F.A.. This was approved with 12/12 yes votes.

g) [FORL 2100 LANGUAGE AND IDENTIFY](#)

Request: Add New Course

This course opens up a broader reflection on language as both an expression of culture and component of cultural identity. The course will be an adaptation a course several ILC faculty have taught under the XIDS 2100 prefix.

Rob Kilpatrick presented information about the new FORL course which was approved with 13/13 yes votes.

3) Department of Computing and Mathematics

a) [MATHEMATICS, UTEACH SECONDARY EDUCATION TRACK, B.S.](#)

Request: Delete Program

COE no longer supports U Teach program.

The Math B.S. delete program request was approved with 13/13 yes votes.

4) Department of Natural Sciences

a) [CHEM 3100 CURRENT TOPICS IN CHEMISTRY](#)

Request: Add New Course

CHEM 3100 will be used as a course that is open to all majors, especially non-science majors with no chemistry prerequisite. (See additional information under “Rationale.”)

b) [CHEM 3201 A SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHEMISTRY A](#)

Request: Add New Course

This special topics course requires a Chemistry prerequisite (unlike CHEM 3100) and is primarily for science majors. These are variable title courses, and can be repeated up to 9 credit hours with any combination of A, B and C. (See additional information in “Rationale.”)

c) [CHEM 3201 B SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHEMISTRY B](#)

Request: Add New Course

(See above for CHEM 3201 A)

d) [CHEM 3201 C SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHEMISTRY C](#)

Request: Add New Course

(See above for CHEM 3201 A)

e) [CHEM 4908 L TOOLS N CHEMICAL RESEARCH](#)

Request: Add New Course

One of two new courses (and CHEM 4084) to replace the current CHEM 4910L.

(See explanation in "Rationale.")

f) [CHEM 4909 L CHEMISTRY SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT](#)

Request: Add New Course

One of two new courses (and CHEM 4084) to replace the current CHEM 4910L.

(See explanation in "Rationale.")

The above Chemistry proposals were approved with 12/12 yes votes. Megumi Fujita presented information.

g) [CHEMISTRY MINOR](#)

Request: Revise Program

Eliminating some course requirements to lower the number of hours to 15, rather than the current 23. Courses above will be added as electives as well as 3130 and 3140.

The Chemistry Minor proposal was approved with 12/12 yes votes.

h) [CHEMISTRY, NON-ACS TRACK - BUSINESS OPTION, B.S.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Referencing CHEM 4908L and 4909 L above, these course requirement changes will add one more credit hour to the curriculum. Requesting that the above 32XX special topics classes count for one elective. Requesting to allow CHEM 4712 Physical Biochemistry in the place of CHEM 4711 Biochemistry course in the Major Courses.

i) [CHEMISTRY, NON ACS TRACK - GENERAL OPTION, B.S.](#)

Request: Revise Program

See above for Business Option. These are identical requests.

j) [CHEMISTRY, NON-ACS TRACK, PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION OPTION, B.S.](#)

Request: Revise Program

See above for Business. Revision involves the same changes. This request also includes a revision to the catalog description. The request is to remove the last sentence, “Biochemistry is strongly recommended.” The curriculum REQUIRES Biochemistry, not just strongly recommended.

The above items were voted on as a block and approved with 12/12 yes votes.

k) [GEOGRAPHY, B.S.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Changing the modality to several courses in the Geographic Information Systems Concentration to make this a majority online program.

l) [GEOL 2523 AGE OF DINOSAURS](#)

Request: Add New Course

A new online course similar to GEOL 4103. This will be a core D-1 course for non-science majors. (See lengthy rationale in attachment in Curriculog.)

Bradley Deline presented information about the Geography B.S. as well as the new GEOL course. The Geography B.S. was approved with 13/13 yes votes. The GEOL course was approved with 10/11 yes votes.

B) College of Education

1) Department of Early Childhood Through Secondary Education

a) [ECED 4251 L ASSESSMENT AND CORRECTION CLINICAL LAB](#)

Request: Add New Course

This is a lab associated with ECED 4251. This will be a 0 hour class with flexible dates and times. This change is being made to fulfill the USG request to have at least one teacher prep program with 120 hours and no summer classes.

b) [ECED 4283 PRACTICUM II](#)

Request: Revise Course

Reducing the number of hours for the class from 2 to 1. (Same reason as ECED 4251L.)

c) [ECED 4286 TEACHING INTERNSHIP](#)

Request: Revise Course

Reducing the number of credit hours to 6 for reasons stated in ECED 4251L.

d) [ECED 4289 TEACHING INTERNSHIP SEMINAR](#)

Request: Revise Course

Reducing the number of credit hours to 2 for reasons stated in ECED 4251L.

e) [ECSE 4789 TEACHING INTERNSHIP SEMINAR](#)

Request: Revise Course

To ensure consistency in Seminar credit hours between our traditional and dual certification concentrations in the B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education, we are reducing the credit hours to two in order to match the change to the traditional certification seminar course.

f) [ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - B.S.ED.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Reducing program to 120 hours (plus Physical Education requirements) to meet the mandates from the USG. (See explanation in "Rationale.")

Information about the above items was presented by Jennifer Edelman. All items were approved with 11/11 yes votes.

2) Department of Educational Technology and Foundations

a) [MEDT 2501 MULTIPLE LITERACIES FOR ED](#)

Request: Add New Course

This course will replace EDUC 2110 in AREA F. This course will support future educators' understanding of digital literacy, technology literacy, and media literacy.

3) Department of Literacy and Special Education

a) [SPECIAL EDUCATION B.S. ED.](#)

Request: Revise Program

The LSE Department proposes to reactivate BS Ed Special Education - General Concentration track and convert both the Adapted Concentration and General Concentration tracks to 100% online delivery.

b) [SPED 3750 DIVERSE EXPERIENCES PRACTICUM](#)

Request: Revise Course

A revision request to change the description in the course catalogue to reflect observations done in a virtual format rather than in brick and mortar buildings.

Also a request to revert from P/F grading to a letter grade.

Lara Willox presented information about the MEDT course and it was approved with 13/13 yes votes. Additional information was given about the SPED B.S. and SPED 3750. Both of these items were approved with 13/13 yes votes.

C) School of Communication, Film and Media

1) [MASS COMMUNICATIONS, B.S.](#)

Request: Revise Program

Name change of concentration to "Digital Media & Entertainment" from "Digital Media & Telecommunication" is more representative of the current discipline and industry, while also highlighting the wide range of entertainment and information content that our students learn to program, manage, and produce. We also propose changing the name of the program from "Convergence Journalism" to simply "Journalism" to reflect present terminology in the discipline. The term, "convergence journalism" is somewhat outdated.

2) [COMM 4456 DIGITAL CONTENT CREATION](#)

Request: Add New Course

COMM 4456 (Digital Content Creation) will serve as an important elective for students in the School of Communication, Film and Media given that its subject matter cuts across all program concentrations. Furthermore, given the continued relevance of content creation, this course could potentially function as one of the required courses in the

school's Digital Media concentration.

Patrick Hadley presented information about the Mass Communications B.S. and COMM 4456. Both proposals were approved with 13/13 yes votes.

D) Richard's College of Business

1) Department of Marketing and Real Estate

a) [EMBEDDED CERTIFICATE IN REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL](#)

Request: Add New Program

Embedded in the Bachelor of Business Administration. Hours will count towards the state licensing exam requirements. No new classes will need to be added.

b) [EMBEDDED CERTIFICATE IN REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE](#)

Request: Add New Program

See explanation above for Real Estate Appraisal proposal.

Salil Talpade presented information about the new certificates from the Department of Marketing and Real Estate. These items were both passed with 12/12 yes votes.

A) University College

1) Department of General Education

a) [DATA 1501 INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE](#)

Request: Add New Course

The university and the system are developing a Statistics Pathway for students in majors that could benefit from Statistics/Data Science instead of a traditional College Algebra sequence. This would be the Area D course for those students who take MATH 1401 in Area A2.

Scott Sykes presented information about the new DATA 1501 course and the proposal was approved with 13/13 yes votes.

2) Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

a) [XIDS 2300 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN](#)

Request: Add New Course Topic

See description in Curriculog.

Colleen Vasoncellos presented information about her XIDS proposal. It was approved with 13/13 yes votes.

III. Old Business

Karen Graffius reiterated the need for a UPC chair for 2022-23.

IV. New Business

There was no new business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00pm.

Addendum: Nancy Capponi volunteered to serve as UPC Chair for 2022-23 via email to Karen Graffius on Nov. 15. . An electronic vote was sent out on Dec. 7 to all committee members. Nancy Capponi was approved as the 2022-23 UPC Chair with 11 yes votes and no no's or abstentions.