

University Undergraduate Academic Council
May 6, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, B. Burton, D. Mayhall, M. Daugherity, R. Ashlock, M. Delony, D. McAnulty, K. Hatfield, P. Roggendorff, S. Hamm

Absent: None

Ex-officios: M. Long, V. McCracken, E. Gumm (M. McCallon and B. Fang were absent)

Guests: R. Piersall, A. Boone, M. Roberson, M. Wiggins, D. Morrison, R. Green, D. Kennamer, J. Dowdy, T. Kennedy, J. Camp, N. Coates, C. Bennett, D. Williams

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer (not led)
3. Approval of the minutes from 4.15.20

Motion to approve the minutes by B. Burton; seconded by D. McAnulty; all in favor; motion passes.

Information Items:

4. SOCI 442 - Revise Title, Description, and Content
5. SOCI 498 - Revise Description, and Content
6. ENGL 262 – Revise Description
7. ENGL 263 – Revise Description
8. ENGL 301– Revise Title, Description, Prerequisites, and Content
9. ENGL 362 – Revise Description
10. ENGL 363 – Revise Description
11. ENGL 499 – Revise Description
12. English Minor – Revise Course Selection
13. ENGR 135 – Revise Course Terms
14. ENGR 136 – Revise Course Terms
15. ENGR 360 – Revise Course Terms
16. ENGR 362 – Revise Course Terms
17. ENGR 363 – Revise Course Terms
18. ENGR 388 – Revise Course Terms
19. ENGR 390 – Revise Prerequisites
20. PHYS 102 – Revise Course Terms

21. PHYS 135 – Revise Course Terms
22. PHYS 136 – Revise Course Terms
23. PHYS 203 – Revise Course Terms
24. PHYS 204 – Revise Course Terms
25. PHYS 220 – Revise Course Terms
26. PHYS 221 – Revise Course Terms
27. PHYS 222 – Revise Course Terms
28. PHYS 223 – Revise Course Terms
29. PHYS 330 – Revise Course Terms
30. PHYS 331 – Revise Course Terms
31. PHYS 342 – Revise Course Terms & Title
32. PHYS 343 – Revise Course Terms & Title
33. PHYS 360 – Revise Course Terms
34. PHYS 362 – Revise Course Terms
35. PHYS 363 – Revise Course Terms
36. PHYS 379 – Revise Course Terms
37. PHYS 388 – Revise Course Terms
38. PHYS 451 – Revise Course Terms
39. PHYS 453 – Revise Course Terms
40. PHYS 461 – Revise Course Terms
41. PHYS 472 – Revise Course Terms
42. PHYS 481 – Revise Course Terms
43. PHYS 493 – Revise Course Terms
44. Engineering Science Minor – Revise Course Selection
45. MUSE 115 – Revise Title & Content
46. MUST 111 – Revise Title
47. MUST 112 – Revise Title
48. MUST 131 – Revise Title
49. MUST 132 – Revise Title
50. MUST 211 – Revise Title
51. MUST 212 – Revise Title
52. MUST 231 – Revise Title
53. MUST 232 – Revise Title

Action Items

54. IDSC & SPEL – Change BIOL Requirement to BIOL 101 or higher

D. Kennamer – BIOL 101 or 203 is the current requirement. However, 203 is only offered once every other year. We also have students transfer from other programs who come in with a higher biology course. This allows more flexibility for the students. M. Long – If someone were to transfer in Anatomy and Physiology, would that still fulfill your requirements? D. Kennamer – Yes.

55. MSED-MSLN – Revision of Major

D. Kennamer - Because of a new certification exam, the state of Texas requires an early literacy piece. With the new standards, students need the early literacy content. That is why we are adding this course.

56. SPED 372 – Remove Cross-Listing with PSYC 374

D. Kennamer - When PSYC 374 changed their title, it changed ours as well. These two courses have functioned separately. The language of abnormality is not used in our discipline. We are not a clinical program. We would like to remove the cross-listing so we can keep the title we have used previously.

Motion to approve items 54-56 by R. Ashlock; seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

57. COMM 310 – Add to Cultural Awareness Menu

J. Camp – This teaches mutual respect when parties disagree. We talk a lot about how our culture creates opportunities and barriers for meaningful discourse on difficult topics. D. McNulty – It seems to meet the criteria, but the course description does not address any cultural issues. Could that be revised to reflect this change in order to ensure that it continues to be taught with this cultural emphasis as future faculty take over the teaching? J. Camp – I think that could be addressed. R. Ashlock – A 300-level course, but no prerequisites, is that correct? J. Camp – Yes.

Motion to approve with change to course description to reflect cultural component without further review by D. McNulty; seconded by M. Delony; all in favor; motion passes.

58. HSIT 330 – Add to Cultural Awareness Menu

K. Elliott – This course is already in the catalog. African American history. We are trying to be more inclusive in our offerings and attract students from outside our major. R. Ashlock – Who will be the primary professor? K. Elliott – This next move is for Dr. Shilcutt to teach it. We would like to make a hire of a faculty member primarily trained in this discipline for the future. R. Ashlock – It would be nice to have someone teach it who is from that perspective and has that training.

Motion to approve by D. McNulty; seconded by M. Daugherty; all in favor; motion passes.

59. Undergraduate SLO's – Revise Outcomes

J. Smith – Our current SLOs are comprehensive but difficult to measure and assess. The outcomes are more than ten years old, so it is time to reconsider. We formed a committee to restructure them. We have come up with four new outcomes that are more readily measurable. We wanted outcomes that could apply to all students regardless of modality with the flexibility to adjust to curriculum changes. Several groups have weighed in on these: Academic Managers, Provost's Cabinet, and in two meetings of UGEC. It was approved at the last meeting.

Motion to approve by D. Mayhall; seconded by M. Daugherty; all in favor; motion passes.

60.SOCI 370 – New Course

D. Morrison – These new courses add to the core of our discipline and match best practices nationwide. The topic of gender and sexualities have the potential to be controversial, but we study all people groups, and we need to train students how to treat these groups with respect and dignity.

61. SOCI 450 – New Course

See above.

Motion to approve items 60-61 by D. McAnulty; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

62.SOCI 495 – Close Course

D. Morrison – This was a senior seminar course that was difficult to staff and not the best fit for our students. SOCI 498, our internship course, will be fulfilling the capstone role moving forward. J. Smith – What is the teach-out plan? D. Morrison – We will substitute SOCI 498. J. Smith –498 is the only acceptable substitute for 495.

63.SOCI – Revision of Major

D. Morrison – These changes have been developed to make our program more competitive and best for our students.

Motion to approve items 62-63 by R. Ashlock; seconded by S. Hamm; all in favor; motion passes.

64.ENGL 112 – Revise Title, Description, Content (Implications for University Requirements Menu)

M. Delony – We have revised the way we teach this course several years ago, and we wanted the catalog to reflect what is being taught.

65. ENGL 235 – New Course

M. Delony – These are new sophomore literature courses. J. Smith – We have not had UGEC look at these courses for fulfilling the sophomore literature university requirement, but this council can approve them as such if they wish.

66. ENGL 271 – New Course

See above.

67. ENGL 275 – New Course

See above.

Motion to approve items 64-67 by R. Ashlock with additional fulfillment of sophomore literature university requirement for ENGL 225, 271, and 275; seconded by S. Hamm; all in favor; motion passes.

68. ENGL (BA) – Revision of Major

M. Delony – With our reduced faculty, it was difficult for students to meet all the different menu requirements, so we consolidated the menus into three lists to give the students more flexibility.

69. French Minor – Close Minor

M. Delony – There are two reasons for closing this minor. We don't have a French professor at the moment. We have an adjunct professor but they cannot teach enough hours to keep the minor alive. Over the last eight years, we've only had eight students in this minor. It is not economically feasible to keep it open at this time. We will keep the French courses open, however. If interest increases and we find faculty, we might reopen in the future.

Motion to approve items 68-69 by M. Daugherty; seconded by D. Mayhall; 8 in favor; 1 abstention; motion passes.

70. ENGR 115 – Change Number of Credit Hours

T. Kennedy – With our new courses, this course was affected and needed to be reduced in hours to make everything fit in the degree plans. J. Smith – Do you feel good about the amount of content that has been removed from that course to make it only one hour? T. Kennedy – We will still meet twice a week for community building, but yes, the content is reduced to the equivalent of a one-hour course. M. Daugherty – ENGR 115

comes with a lab, ENGR 116. ENGR 116 is not changing at all. We still have plenty of material and students will not be negatively affected by these changes.

71. ENGR 117 – New Course

T. Kennedy – This stems from wanting to create more experiential learning for our students. ABET does not recognize computer science as a science, so we need to offer our own version of it.

72. ENGR 217 – New Course

T. Kennedy - This relates to skills pertaining to internships.

73. ENGR 317 – New Course

T. Kennedy - This is an engineering project-managing course.

Motion to approve items 70-73 by R. Ashlock; seconded by M. Delony; all in favor; motion passes.

74. ENGR – Revision of Major

T. Kennedy – The changes to ENGR and PHYS programs reflect the addition of the new courses and change of hours to ENGR 115.

75. PHYC – Revision of Major

See above.

76. PHYM – Revision of Major

See above.

77. PHYN – Revision of Major

See above.

78. PHYS – Revision of Major

See above.

Motion to approve items 74-78 by D. McAnulty; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

79. ART 494 – Revise Credit Hours, Title, Content & Course Terms

R. Green – This was intended to be a course that extended from fall into spring, but we immediately ran into problems with grading. In order to better reflect what is happening, we will divide it into two courses and subdivide the content of the course. Learning in the fall and producing in the spring. They will now be getting two grades, one in the fall and one in the spring. They will have a 2-hour course in the fall and one-hour in the spring. The changes to the major reflects this change. D. McNulty – How confident are you in the work reduction being accurate to the hour reduction? R. Green – Very confident. The student's time commitment will be divided as well as content.

80. ART 496 – New Course

See above.

81. BFA-ART – Revision of Major

See above.

Motion to approve items 79-81 by S. Hamm; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

82. User Experience Minor – New Minor

M. Wiggins – This is an interdisciplinary minor with art and computer science. We have worked with industry recruiters in this area for many years. The concepts cover design and mental processing of those designs of apps and websites, typography and understanding information through type, and basic computer courses and content related to how people interact with computers and the virtual environment. This minor could benefit non-art students who wish to work in the tech industry. J. Smith – There are no new courses required for this minor. Because of the number of Art hours, there would be a few groups of students who would not be eligible for this minor based on overlap hours, but it would be open to many students from other majors.

D. McNulty – Several of these courses have upper-level requirements or instructor approval. Will this be a detriment to students outside your major? M. Wiggins – It will require a bit of planning on the student's part, aimed more at freshmen and sophomores who have more time to adjust their courses. D. McNulty – One of these courses, ART 358, has several prerequisites. Will that be a problem for students? M. Wiggins – We do need to adjust those prerequisites and will do so in the near future. B. Burton – Do you have a timeline for changing the prerequisites? M. Wiggins – Next year, in the early fall. I have it on a list.

R. Ashlock – What numbers are you looking for? M. Wiggins – My estimation is 2-3 students at the beginning. Four or five years from now, perhaps 6-10 students. We

would eventually like to construct a full major sometime over the next ten years. R. Ashlock – I was interested to see how few schools have a program for this. M. Wiggins – Yes, it's an area where education has not quite kept up with industry.

Motion to approve with agreement to change the prerequisites for ART 358 next year by R. Ashlock; seconded by M. Daugherty; all in favor; motion passes.

83.MPEV 303/313 – New Course

M. Roberson – This is a new chamber ensemble that focuses on gospel music and spirituals—Gospel Choir. All our ensembles have a zero-credit option and a one-hour option. That is why there are two course numbers. D. McNulty – This is repeatable, correct? M. Roberson – Yes.

Motion to approve by D. Mayhall; seconded by S. Hamm; all in favor; motion passes.

84.MTIA – Revision of Major

M. Roberson – This arose out of our last accreditation visit. The problem was with the piano competency. These changes address consistency across all three degrees. To fit the extra two class piano courses in the degree plans, we closed a course and combined two courses into one. D. Kennemer – These haven't gone through teacher education council. Looking at this through the lens of standards, I don't see a problem with these moving forward, but we will need to ensure that the TEC reviews any course or degree plan change involved in a teaching program moving forward.

D. McNulty – Is the combining of courses included in this proposal? E. Gumm – We suggested that we create a new course number instead of adding new competencies into an existing course. MUSE 125. J. Smith – We can present updated documentation in the next meeting if the council wishes.

85.MTVA – Revision of Major

See above.

86.VOCP – Revision of Major

See above.

87.MUSE 117 – Close Course

See above.

88.MUST 332 – Close Course

See above.

Motion to approve items 84-88 with the renumbering of MUSE 115 to 125 (thereby closing MUSE 115) by D. McNulty; seconded by M. Daugherty; all in favor; motion passes.

89. POLS 315 – Revise Credit Hours, Title, Description & Course Terms

Tabled

90. CJ (BA) – Revision of Major

Tabled

91. CJ (BS) – Revision of Major

Tabled

92. POLS – Revision of Major

Tabled

93. POLS-IRCP – Revision of Major

Tabled

Meeting ended at 5:03 p.m.