

Minutes
Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
November 15, 2017
2:15pm-4:15pm
GHH 101

Committee Members: Elliott McKinley SHAE-A X
Ann Winfield SHAE-ED
Jennifer Stevens SHAE-HUM, Chair X
Marybeth MacPhee SSNS-SS X
Jennifer Pearce SSNS-NS X
Michael Hall SJS X
Michael Melton GSB
Sue McMullen Library X
Aimee Shelton SCS
No Representatives from SEECM or SAHP
Dan O'Driscoll, registrar, ex-officio X

New Business

1. GECPC Proposals

MOTION: To approve the recommendations to remove the core concentration restrictions for Computer Science/Marine Biology,, Biology and Environmental Science and Political Science/History and American Studies.
Passed 6-0-0

2. Public Health Proposals (see attached documents)

Minor Changes

B.S. in Public Health to change math requirement for major

Discussion: Petition calls for change to Calculus I as requirement, but list MATH214 as the course number, which is Calculus II.

Motion to return petition for clarification

Passed 6-0-0

B.S in Public Health to change requirement for infectious diseases courses

Passed 6-0-0

B.A. in Public Health to add POLSC 240 to list of courses that fulfill the statistical analysis requirement

Passed 6-0-0

B.S./B.A. in Public Health to add a minimum GPA requirement for students majoring in Public Health

Passed 6-0-0 **with a strong recommendation to specify a numeric GPA in place of/in addition to a letter grade specification**

Minor in Public Health to add POLSC 240 to list of courses that fulfill the statistical analysis requirement

Passed 6-0-0

3. COMM Proposals

First Reading

New Course COMM201 Concepts in Communication

Passed (6-0-0) on first reading with the following questions, requiring an answer:

Is this a required course? The petition refers to it as a required course in one part of the petition but not others.

If it is a required course, the variable topics nature seems odd. How will students repeat it? Will it serve the stated purpose if the topics varies? Please clarify.

Minor Changes

B.A. in Communication & Media Studies, changes to requirements

Passed 6-0-0

Global Communication, CORE Concentration, Add course options

Passed 6-0-0

4. Community Development Proposals

Second Reading

New Course CD 557 Thesis Research Proposal Development

New Course CD 558 Graduate Thesis Capstone

New Program Community Development, MA

Voted on and passed as a group. 6-0-0

5. Computer Science Proposals

First Reading

New Program B.S. in Computer Science/Intelligent and Autonomous Systems Specialization

New Program B.S. in Computer Science/Human Centered Computing Specialization

New Program B.S. in Computer Science/Data Science Specialization

Passed (6-0-0) for first reading with the following questions, which require answers

Why are these particular specializations being highlighted?

Will the standard B.S. in Computer Science Continue to be offered?

Minor Changes

COMSC410 Artificial Intelligence, change to catalog copy

Passed 6-0-0

6. Biology Proposals

First Reading

Major Change B.S. in Biology

Major Change B.A. in Biology

Passed for first reading. 6-0-0

7. Graphic Design Proposals

First Reading

New Course DSGN429 Citizen Designer

Passed for first reading. 6-0-0

Minor Changes

B.A. in Graphic Design Communications
Minor in Graphic Design Communications

Postponed until second reading approval for DSGN 429

Study Abroad Grade Issue

An issue that was brought to the attention of the chair was briefly discussed. The issue has to do with the way grades are returned from study abroad programs. The issue was raised by members of the Gabelli School of Business faculty. The question of which programs will return grades with the credit for classes taken as opposed to transfer credit only is key to the issue. Of particular note is failed classes taken abroad for which no transfer credit is given. All members of the committee felt that this issue was not the purview of this committee. The chair will discuss this with the Faculty Senate president.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 due to lack of quorum. Remaining items will be voted on electronically.

Future Meeting Dates:

February 21

March 21

April 18

May ??