

Minutes
Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
March 28, 2018
2:15pm-4:15pm
GHH 208

Committee Members: Elliott McKinley SHAE-A
Ann Winfield SHAE-ED X
Jennifer Stevens SHAE-HUM, Chair X
Marybeth MacPhee SSNS-SS
Jennifer Pearce SSNS-NS X
Michael Hall SJS X
Michael Melton GSB
Mary Wu Library X
Dennis Rebelo SCS X
Michael Emmer SEECM X
No Representatives from SAHP

Guests: Bill Palm, Honors Program
Jeffrey Meriwether, History Program

Senator Emmer raised questions about FSCC procedures, primarily the need for first and second readings for major changes and the need for the FSCC to approve even the most minor of changes. With the volume of petitions this committee approves these extensive procedures get in the way of curriculum going through the process in a timely manner. Request was made to put the issue on the April Senate agenda. Suggestion was made that an ad hoc committee be formed with members representing various interested parties to discuss the issue.

Opportunity for questions/discussion on the new Honors courses was given, but no questions were made.

Jeffrey Meriwether gave an introduction to the changes being made to the History major and the justification for it. Questions were asked about the ability to offer class regularly (due to enrollment size).

Approval of Minutes from November and February meetings

Motion to approve Emmer, Rebelo 7-0-0

Proposals left from last meeting

1. Biology Proposals

Second Reading

Major Change B.S. in Biology

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Motion to approve as a block Pearce, Hall 7-0-0

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Minor Change

BIO 250 intro Biostatistics

Motion to Approve Hall, Emmer, 7-0-0

2. Graphic Design Proposal

Second Reading

New Course DSGN429 Citizen Designer

Motion to Approve Emmer, Wu 7-0-0

3. Securities Proposal

Minor Change

SEC 650 Cybersecurity capstone

Motion to Approve Hall, Wu, 7-0-0

4. Physics Proposal

Minor Change

PHYS 202 Physics II w/ Calculus and Lab

Motion to Approve Winfield, Rebelo, 6-0-1

5. Engineering Proposals

Minor Change

ENGR 310 Material Science

Motion to Approve Hall, Winfield, 7-0-0

ENGR 320 Environmental Engineering

Motion to Approve Winfield, Wu, 7-0-0

6. Construction Management Proposal

Minor Change

B.S. in Construction Management,

Motion to Approve Hall, Wu, 6-0-1

7. History Proposals

Minor Changes

HIST 420 Senior Reseach Project

HIST 399 Methods and Historiography and Lab

HIST 320 Ancient History

HIST 284 Survey of the Middle East

HIST 384 Perspectives in Near and Middle East History

Motion to approve as a block, Pearce, Hall, 7-0-0

Motion to Approve Wu, Winfield, 7-0-0

8. Natural Science Proposals

Minor Changes

B.A. in Environmental Science

B.S. in Environmental Science

Minor in Environmental Science

Motion to approve as block Emmer, Hall 7-0-0

Motion to Approve Wu, Winfield, 7-0-0

9. EMS Proposals

Minor Changes

EMS 313 Paramedic Practicum 1

EMS 314 Paramedic Practicum 2
Motion to approve as a block: Rebelo, Wu, 7-0-0
Motion to Approve, Hall, Emmer, 7-0-0

New Business

1. **Honors Program Proposals** (see attached documents)

Proposals for changes to the Honor's Program Curriculum:

Second Reading

Addition of 12 new courses (or specialized sections of courses)

HONR 100 Foundation of Honors

HONR 101 Honors Scientific Investigations

HONR 102 Honors Challenges of Democracy

HONR 103 Honors Human Behavior in Perspective

HONR 104 Honors Literature, Philosophy and the Examined Life

HONR 105 Honors Aesthetics in Context: The Artistic Impulse

HONR 220 Place as Text

HONR 300 Community Engagement Seminar

HONR 350 Honors CPC Project

HONR 375 Independent Community Engagement Project

HONR 400 Honors Capstone Seminar

HONR 430 Special Topics Seminar

Motion to approve as block : Winfield, Hall 7-0-0

Motion to approve: Emmer, Hall 7-0-0

2. **Community Development Proposals**

Tabled by Request of Faculty Member at February Meeting

New Course CD 557 Thesis Research Proposal Development

New Course CD 558 Graduate Thesis Capstone

New Program Community Development, MA

Discussion of objections presented in an email from Edgar Adams summarizing notes of a meeting on the subject between him, June Speakman and Dennis Rebelo. No substantial objections to proposal were expressed and several objections/disagreements were found with the concerns listed in the emails. Problem seems to be a larger issue between Bristol and Providence campus which the FSCC has no recourse to handle, and as such

Motion to approve program and courses, Hall, Rebelo, 6-1-1

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm due to lack of quorum.
Attempt will be made to schedule 2 meetings in April.

The following proposals were not addressed due to lack of quorum and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

3. **GECPC Proposals**

Removal of Core Concentration restrictions

Motion: remove the restriction from Professional and Public Writing for English & CW majors

Motion: remove the restriction from computer science for applied math and math majors

4. Computer Science Proposals

Second Reading

New Program B.A. in Computer Science

5. History Proposals

First Reading

Major Program Change B.A. in History

Major Program Change Minor in History

New Course HIST 240 Colonial and Revolutionary America

New Course HIST 241 Securing the American Republic 1800-1914

New Course HIST 242 The United States in the American Century

New Course HIST 290 Religious Traditions of the World

New Course HIST 345 Studies in Atlantic History

New Course HIST 347 Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America

New Course HIST 349 Crime and Dissent in Early New England

New Course HIST 380 Magic Potions Swords Rings: Myth and Memory

New Course HIST 405 Sacred Places: History, Nature and Spirit

New Course HIST 429 Community Partnership Center: History

Second Reading

New Course HIST 100 Making Global History

Minor Changes

HIST 319 Studies in Middle Eastern National History

HIST 322 Medieval History

6. Natural Sciences Proposals

Second Reading

New Course NATSC 212 Scientific Research Diving

7. Visual Arts Proposals

First Reading

New Course VARTS 333 intermediate Hand Building

New Course VARTS 334 Intermediate Wheel Throwing

New Course VARTS 434 Advanced Clay Studio

New Course VARTS 491 Interdisciplinary Seminar

Minor Changes

Core Concentration in Visual Art: Film, Animation and Video

Core Concentration in Visual Art: Painting, Drawing and Printmaking

Core Concentration in Visual Art: Photography and Digital Media

Core Concentration in Visual Art: Sculpture and Ceramics

Minor in Visual Art: Film, Animation and Video

Minor in Visual Art: Painting, Drawing and Printmaking

Minor in Visual Art: Photography and Digital Media

Minor in Visual Art: Sculpture and Ceramics

Bachelor of Arts, BA
Bachelor of Fine Arts, BFA

8. Engineering Proposal

Minor Change

ENGR 340 Sustainable Energy Systems