

University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee Minutes
February 20, 2025, 10:00am-11:30am
Meeting Subtitles: “Mini-Me...eting” or “We Have Our First Theme”

I. Preliminaries

A. Minutes for February 6, 2025

- No comments.

E. Lim motioned to approve the Minutes. M. McKenzie seconded. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

B. We will convene in the electronic ether on March 6, 2025.

C. Spring 2025 Meetings will be Thursdays from 10:00am-11:30am

(Spring Break)

March 27, 2025

April 10, 2025

April 24, 2025

May 8, 2025

II. Chair Reports (G. Nanclares)

A. University Senate – The committee will meet March 3.

B. Senate Executive – The SEC is updating the charges of the Senate Committees.

III. Member Reports

A. UICC (M. Hatfield) – The committee has not met.

B. Honors Board of Associate Directors (S. Wilson) – No report.

C. Scholastic Standards (S. Croucher) – SSC is updating the by-law language on weather closures and is working on the enforcement of Academic Integrity procedures. There was discussion of communication given the rapidly changing situation and limited information. The university will be careful about releasing statements, but there is still a lot of activity behind the scenes. SSC is forming a subcommittee to handle “transfer-oriented” majors. They will be looking for majors that have 40 credits of what we’d recognize as general education credits.

D. CCC+ (P. Bedore) – P. Bedore presented at a big advising meeting with close to 140 people. There were lots of detailed questions, so people are engaged and paying attention. Access to both the advisement report and the ‘What If’ report in Student Administration will be critical tools for advisors. CCC+ is hosting workshops on Project-Based Assessment on Monday and Tuesday next week.

IV. New Business

A. New 1000- and 2000-level Courses

1. Motion to add (M. Hatfield, Z. Boudah) PATH 1001 Diseases, Medicine, and Social Determinants of Health (#28872)

Proposed Catalog Copy

PATH 1001. Diseases, Medicine, and Social Determinants of Health (3 Credits)
Introduction to the biology of disease, with an emphasis on health and medicine.
Topics include disease mechanisms, defense responses, and sociological factors influencing disease.

B. New S/U Graded Courses

2. Motion to add (Z. Boudah, K. Bott) DRAM 3100. Dramatic Arts: The Practice and the Profession (#27873)

Proposed Catalog Copy

DRAM 3100. Dramatic Arts: The Practice and the Profession (0.5 credit)
A forum for Dramatic Arts students to meet, share and discuss ongoing work, engage collaboratively across programs and cohorts, discuss emerging issues in the department and the field, and learn from the skills and experiences of guest artists.
Enrollment Requirements: Open to Dramatic Arts majors and minors.

Discussion

- There was a clarification about credits. Each semester students earn half a credit, but they can retake the course for up to four credits.

Motion to add DRAM 3100 (#27873) was passed unanimously.

V. [Common Curriculum Transitions](#) (Click link to access SharePoint site for everything listed below)

- A. Motion to transition (M. McKenzie, K. Bott) Common Curriculum Direct Transitions (*Batch Approval*)

1. ENGL 2107 The British Empire, Slavery, and Resistance [CA1 to TOI-3, TOI-5]
2. GEOG 2320E Climate Change: Current Geographic Issues [CA2, EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
3. JOUR 2010 Journalism in the Movies [CA1 to TOI-2, TOI-5]
4. PHIL 1104 Philosophy and Social Ethics [CA1 to TOI-3, TOI-5]
5. PSYC 1101 General Psychology II [CA2 to TOI-5, TOI-6]
6. PSYC 1103 General Psychology II (Enhanced) [CA2 to TOI-5, TOI-6]
7. SOCI 1001/W Introduction to Sociology [CA2, W to TOI-3, TOI-5]
8. WGSS 2105/W Gender and Science [CA4INT, W to TOI-5, W]

Discussion

- K. McDermott gave a shout-out to CCC+ Co-chairs for moving some important courses after being given a very quick turnaround.

Motion to transition the courses above to Common Curriculum was passed unanimously.

B. New Common Curriculum Courses (**See link above for SharePoint Site**)

1. Motion to add (Z. Boudah, M. McKenzie) ENGL 2210 Introduction to Indigenous Literature and Culture (#27054) [CA4 and TOI-2, TOI-3]

Proposed Catalog Copy

ENGL 2210. Introduction to Indigenous Literatures and Cultures (3 Credits)
Examination of the literatures and cultures of pre-contact, post-contact, and contemporary Indigenous peoples.

Enrollment Restrictions: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011

Content Areas: CA4

Topics of Inquiry: TOI 2, TOI 3

Discussion

- No comments.

Motion to add ENGL 2210 (#27054) was passed unanimously.

2. Motion to add (M. McKenzie, J. Chandy) ENGL 2648 Introduction to Fan Studies (#25952) [CA1 and TOI-1, TOI-2]

Proposed Catalog Copy

ENGL. 2648. Introduction To Fan Studies

Exploration of fan cultures and communities across various forms and media, including literature, film, gaming, television, music, and the athletics sphere.

Enrollment Restrictions: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011

Topics of Inquiry: TOI 1, TOI 2

Content Areas: CA1 A/B

Discussion

- No comments.

Motion to add ENGL 2648 (#25952) was passed unanimously.

3. NURS 2300 Planetary Health: Understanding the Relationship of Human and Environmental Health (#26536) [TOI-4] – TABLED

This course was tabled pending consultation with EEB, ENVS, and EVST, as well as reconsideration of the course description to frame it within the context of nursing. We are still waiting on an update from the department as of the release of this agenda.

- A new syllabus will be forthcoming from the proposer shortly.

C. New Themes (**See link above for SharePoint Site**)

1. Motion to add (Z. Boudah, K. Bott) Food, Water, and Natural Resources for the Future

Includes the following courses:

ARE 1110E ARE 2434E

NRE 1000E NRE 1235E

NRE 2215E NRE 2600E

PATH 1100E SPSS 2100E

LAND 2210E

Discussion

- One member noted that History is looking into Themes, and there might be a Maritime one in the works.

Motion to add “Food, Water, and Natural Resources for the Future” as a CC Theme was passed unanimously.

In Attendance (in bold): **Gustavo Nanclares** (Chair), Bendi Al Zaatini, **Pam Bedore** (Ex-officio), **Kristin Bott**, **Zachary Boudah**, **John Chandy**, John Cooley, **Sarah Croucher** (Ex-officio), Phoebe Godfrey, Marc Hatfield, **Edward Junhao Lim**, Alvaro Lozano-Robledo, **Laurie McCarty** (Ex-officio), **Matt McKenzie**, Dan Mercier, **Sarira Motaref**, David Ouimette, Steve Stifano, Suzanne Wilson, Terra Zuidema (Registrar alternate)