AUC Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes

Thursday, March 26, 2020 Google Meet

Attendees: Franca Barricelli, Nermin Bayazit, Linda Dupell, Steven Fiedler, Lisa Gim, Sean Goodlett, Elizabeth Gordon, Jonathan Harvey, Kendrah Jean-Baptiste, Sara Levine, Nirajan Mani, Tara Mariolis, Zachary Miner, Sherry Packard, Audrey Pereira, Daniel Sarefield, Britton Snyder

Absent: William Cortezia, Timothy Hilliard, Natasha Kurtonina, Steven Olson

Guests: Charles Roberts, Meledath Govindan, Nadimpalli Mahadev

Meeting called to order shortly after 2:00 PM

I. **Motion to approve February 20, 2020 minutes with no edits:** Nirajan Mani, Second: Daniel Sarefield.

   Discussion: None

   Vote: 12 / 0 / 4

II. **Announcements:** Steven Fiedler announced that the Google Hangout meeting was being recorded. Liz Gordon would monitor the chats and Linda Dupell would take the minutes.

III. **New Business**

   1. **LAS Guidance Document: Reading**

      Motion: Nirajan Mani, **Second**: Daniel Sarefield

      Sponsor: LAS Subcommittee: Sean Goodlett

      Sean reported that very little had changed since last year. All goals went through governance.

      Vote to approve the Reading LAS Guidance Document: 16 / 0 / 0

   2. **LAS Guidance Document: Quantitative Reasoning**

      Motion: Nirajan Mani, **Second**: Daniel Sarefield

      Sponsor: LAS Subcommittee: Liz Gordon

      Friendly Amendment - Change bullet two, Potential Course Objectives "see mathematics in various social situations and how math solves problems." To "see mathematics in various social situations and how mathematics is used to solve problems".

Vote to approve the Quantitative Reasoning LAS Guidance Document: 16 / 0 / 0

3. **LAS Guidance Document: Information Literacy**

    Motion: Nirajan Mani, **Second:** Daniel Sarefield

    Sponsor: LAS Subcommittee, Sean Goodlett

    Sean explained that the Library was involved, balancing old standards against the new framework and "what it means to teach to Information Literacy."

    Discussion: None

    Vote to approve the Information Literacy LAS Guidance Document: 16 / 0 / 0

4. **LAS Guidance Document: World Languages, Speaking, and Listening**

    Motion: Nirajan Mani, **Second:** Daniel Sarefield

    Sponsor: LAS Subcommittee, Daniel Sarefield

    Daniel explained that the English and Humanities departments had a hand in making adjustments to this document.

    Discussion: None

    Vote to approve the World Languages, Speaking, and Listening LAS Guidance Document: 16 / 0 / 0

5. Michael Nosek suggested that we add the remaining LAS Guidance documents until the end of the agenda for the sake of time. Course submissions for the new LAS curriculum are being suspended due to all the change that is happening due to COVID-19.

6. **LAS Guidance Document: Civic Learning**
    Deferred to the end of the meeting, but time ran out. Will add to April 7th agenda

7. **LAS Guidance Document: Ethical Reasoning**
    Deferred to the end of the meeting, but time ran out. Will add to April 7th agenda

8. **LAS Guidance Document: Fine Arts Expression and Analysis**
    Deferred to the end of the meeting, but time ran out. Will add to April 7th agenda.

9. **Untable AUC #12: Moving Three Courses form Concentrations Into the Core Curriculum of the Applied Science & Technology Program**

   Sponsor: Nirajan Mani

   Motion to discuss: Nirajan Mani, Second: Daniel Sarefield

   Discussion : Linda Dupell noted that the proposal referred to the Applied Science & Technology major as a BS rather than a BSE. It was noted that proposal AUC #8 called for the major to be changed to a BS. The approval of AUC #12 will depend on the approval of AUC #8.

   Friendly Amendment:

   a. (From the sponsor) Change the proposal title:

      From: *Moving three courses from concentrations into the core curriculum of the Applied Science& Technology program*

      To: *Add three courses and remove one course from the core curriculum of the Applied Science & Technology program*

   b. (From the sponsor) Section V. Change the proposal summary:

      From: *The proposal is to move three concentrations courses into the core curriculum of the Applied Science and Technology program.*

      To: *The proposal is to add three courses: (i) COMG 3XXX Surveying, (ii) COMG 4XXX Construction Law & Legal System, (iii) COMG 4XXX Communication & Transportation Technologies and remove ENGT 1040 Software Applications in Engineering Technology from the core curriculum of the Applied Science and Technology program.*

   c. (From the sponsor) Section VI. Change the parenthetical text

      From: (moving three concentrations courses into the core curriculum)

      To: (*adding three courses and removing one course from the core curriculum)*

   d. (From the sponsor) Change COMG to CMGT designation throughout the proposal

   Vote to recommend approval of AUC #12 with Friendly Amendments: 16 / 0 / 0

10. **AUC #13 - Remove Courses From the Program Curriculum**

   Sponsor: Nirajan Mani

   Motion: Nirajan Mani, **Second**: Daniel Sarefield

   Discussion: None

   Friendly Amendment: (From the sponsor) Change COMG to CMGT designation throughout the proposal

   Vote to recommend approval of AUC #13 with Friendly Amendments: 16 / 0 / 0

11. **AUC #38 - Change Pre-Requisites to COMM 3740, Compositing and Visual Effects**

   Sponsor: Charles Roberts

   Motion: Nirajan Mani, Second: Daniel Sarefield

   Discussion: Charles explained that since the coursework involves both digital and physical special effects content, students with either expertise will be able to gain experience in the other skillsets organically through in-class coverage as well as out-of-class group assignments. Students without one or the other would be unable to engage in a significant way to either area of the course content and would likely be relying on their colleagues in the group assignments.

   A member asked if this meant that there would be additional credits needed for the degree. Charles said that there would be no additional credits needed.

   Vote to recommend approval of AUC #38: 16 / 0 / 0

12. **AUC #39 - Eliminate Computer Science Requirement for Human Services Majors**

   Sponsor: Lynne Kellner

   Motion: Nirajan Mani, **Second**: Daniel Sarefield

   Discussion: The sponsor mentioned that this proposal had been discussed with the Computer Science department and they had no objection. A member inquired if students in the program would continue to receive instruction in database usage. The sponsor responded that in research and other methods students would receive exposure to relational databases.

   Vote to recommend approval of AUC #12: 15 / 0 / 0

13. **AUC #35 - Change in Residency Requirement for Minor**

   Sponsor: Meledath Govindan

   Motion: Nirajan Mani, Second: Daniel Sarefield

   Discussion: Multiple members asked if this meant that a student could transfer in and receive the minor credential without having completed any of their minor coursework at Fitchburg State. The answer was yes. A member pointed out that the proposal indicated that all chairs were asked if they approved this proposal (it was directed at all minors). Because all Chairs did not see the proposal, it was suggested for the proposal to be tabled.

   Motion to table AUC #35: Sean Goodlett, **Second**: Franca Barricelli

   Vote to table AUC #35: 15 / 0 / 0

14. **AUC #24 - Changes to Computer Information Systems Major**

   Sponsor: Nadimpalli Mahadev

   Motion: Nirajan Mani, Second: Daniel Sarefield

   Discussion: A member pointed out a mistake in the attached for Section VII, that the course name was incorrect for CSC 4102. The sponsor responded that was a moot point as this ethics course will be replaced by Ethics and Impacts of Computing Solutions (AUC #33) which is pending approval.

   Friendly Amendments

   a. (From the sponsor) Section V, item 5:

      From: *Repackage the core into CIS core, Business core and Business IS Concentration. A separate proposal for Business IS concentration is also included.*

      To: *Repackage the core into CIS core, Business core and a required IS Concentration core. Separate proposals for various IS concentrations are submitted.*

   b. Multiple members of the AUC-CC have requested that MATH and ENGL be notified of these changes prior to the proposals being taken up at AUC.

      Vote to recommend approval of AUC #24: 13 / 1 / 1

At 3:30 quorum was lost and so there was a motion to end the meeting.

Next meeting is April 9th at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Sean Goodlett. Seconded by: Daniel Sarefield

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Linda Dupell