

AUC Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes

Thursday February 21, 2019

Hammond 314

Attendees: Catherine Buell, Andrew Chan, Wafa Unus, Daniel Sarefield, Adem Elveren, Britton Snyder, Steven Fiedler, Sherry Packard, Meg Hoey, Franca Barricelli, Pamela McCafferty, Keith Williamson, Cheryl Goldman, Timothy Hilliard, Nirajan Mani

Absent: William Cortezia, Yasser Djazaerly, Theresa Dzierwinski, Tianna McToggart, Shaughn O'Holloran, J.J Sylvia, Nermin Bayazit

Guests: Linda Dupell, Diego Uberia, Jonathan Harvey, Heather Urbanksi, Michael Nosek, Wayne Whitfield, Abdel Mustrafa, Kori Ryan, Megan Krell, Michael Hoberman, John Schaumloffel, Keith Chenot, Soumitra Basu, Billy Samulak

Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of Dec. 15 with no amendments: Daniel Sarefield, Second Nirajan Mani **Approved, 11-0-0**

II. New Business

A. **Nominations for a secretary:** Keith Williamson self-nominated. The nomination was seconded by Steven Fielder. Approved, 12-0-0.

B. **Motion to observe Work to Rule/meeting end at 4:30:** Britton Snyder and seconded by Steven Fielder. Approved, 8-1-3

C. **Discussion of AUC #60:** We will meet 3/7/19 assuming AUC Policy makes necessary amendments. Chair will send out dates and more information about other AUC meetings on AUC #60.

D. **Question from the committee regarding order:** Is there a practice to review proposals as received? Yes, there is. It was under AUC advisement to re-order and address the ITEC proposals together with the program proposal. The March AUC Curriculum meeting will be for ITEC proposals.

1. **AUC # 50 – New Course Hispanic Literature in Translation**

Sponsor: Diego Ubiera

Motion to consider AUC #50: Pamela McCafferty, Second: Cheryl Goldman

Discussion: Sponsor described the course and its success with our student body when it has been offered in the past. Committee member had a question about the frequency of the course. The response was “as needed by the department”. Sponsor discussed the arts/literature designation and non-western global diversity of the class.

Friendly Amendments (if any): 1.(From sponsor): Change course title and Banner abbreviation to “Hispanic Literature”.

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC#50 with Friendly Amendments: 14- 0- 1

Vote to Recommend LIT/ART designation: 15-0-0

Vote to Recommend Global Diversity (non-Western): 15-0-0

2. AUC # 51 - New Course Modern Jewish Literature

Sponsor: Michael Hoberman

Motion to consider AUC #51: Steven Fiedler, Second: Pamela McCafferty

Discussion: The title of the course was put forward to change from the sponsor. There was a discussion about the nature of the course and how it fits into the curriculum as well as its non-western global diversity designation.

Friendly Amendments (if any): 1) (from sponsor) Change the course title to Jewish Literature Around the World and Banner abbreviation to Jewish Lit Around the World

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC#51: 15-0-0

Vote to Recommend LIT/ART Designation: 15-0-0

Vote to Recommend Global Diversity Non-Western designation for the course: 15-0-0

3. AUC # 57 - Concert Choir/Chamber Choir Name Change

Sponsor: Jonathan Harvey

Motion to consider AUC #57: Steven Fiedler, Second: Keith Williamson

Discussion: Choirs are currently bundled under the same title/description. This proposal splits Concert and Choral Choir courses are proposed to change the titles.

Friendly Amendments (if any): none

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC#57: 15-0-0

4. AUC # 58 – Add grade requirements to Human Services course

Sponsor: Megan Krell

Motion to consider AUC #58: Steven Fiedler, Second: Nirajan Mani

Discussion: Increase the grade requirement to 2.5 or higher for human services majors to demonstrate competence in the field. The consequence of not passing the class is that the class will go towards a free elective and count there if they choose to take a different major or the

student can retake the course. The comment was made that the dean was missing on the proposal.

Friendly Amendment (if any): Add Franca Barricelli to section IX.

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC#58: 15-0-0

5. AUC #61-LA&S Designations to Intro to Comparative Politics

Sponsor: Daniel Sarefield (spoke on behalf of Eric Budd)

Motion to consider AUC #61: Steven Fiedler, Second: Nirajan Mani

Discussion: The proposal is to add CTW and Global Diversity non-western to this course Intro to Comparative Politics. This is a course that is about democracy and its origins which fulfills the CTW. Much of the content is about non-Western democracies, and the Professor focuses largely on non-Western so it fulfills the Global Diversity Requirement.

Friendly Amendment (if any): Add Franca Barricelli to section IX.

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #61: 18-0-0

Vote to Approve CTW Designation: 15-0-0

Vote to Approve Global Diversity Non-Western: 15-0-0

6. AUC #52 - Biochemistry 2

Sponsor: Billy Samulak

Motion to consider AUC #52: Pamela McCafferty, Second: Margaret Hoey

Discussion: There are two new courses and a new concentration in the biology and chemistry department. Bio is something that is more popular out of high school and adding chemistry to this mix helps broaden the range of options for incoming students. The sponsor is proposing to have two biochemistry classes that are sequential with this new class Biochemistry 2. Chemistry majors in addition to Biology majors can take the course.

Friendly Amendments (if any): none

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #52, 15-0-0

7. AUC #53 - Biochemical Techniques

Sponsor: Billy Samulak

Motion to consider AUC #53: Nirajan Mani, Second: Pamela McCafferty

Discussion: This is new Biochemistry course. It is a lab-based course that is a better fit to meet the needs of the biochemistry concentration.

Friendly Amendments (if any): none

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #53, 15-0-

8. AUC #54- Changes to BIOL/CHEM 3030

Sponsor: Billy Samulak

Motion to consider AUC #54 Pamela McCafferty, Second: Steven Fielder

Discussion: This proposal makes changes to the course catalog in the existing courses.

Friendly Amendments (if any): none

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #54: 15-0-0

9. AUC #55- Removes BIOL 3450 from the catalog

Sponsor: Billy Samulak

Motion to consider AUC #55: Daniel Sarefield, Second: Steven Fielder

Discussion: Remove Foundations of Biochemistry course from the books.

Friendly Amendments (if any): none

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC#55: 15-0-0

10. AUC #56- New Concentration in BioChem

Sponsor: Billy Samulak

Motion to consider AUC #56 Margaret Hoey, Second: Cheryl Goldman

Discussion: The new concentration is aligned with our sister institutions. We will start offering it in the fall of 2019.

Friendly Amendments (if any): none

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #56: 15-0-0

11. AUC #21-New Course Heavy/Highway Construction Systems

Sponsor: Nirajan Mani

Motion to consider AUC #21: Cheryl Goldman, Second: Steven Fielder

Discussion: There was a question about lecture/lab portion about the course and how this fits into faculty contract and responsibilities. Laboratory hours should be listed. The sponsor indicated

that this is a lecture-based course with some demonstration to compliment the lecture portion. This is the pedagogical style in technology. Other committee members pointed out that in Communications Media and Math often hold a class in a laboratory and have students completing exploratory assignments, but that is not the same as a laboratory course. The question was put forward whether this would put a precedent to broaden the definition of “lecture” in future course proposals and the Sciences could just have a lecture course. A friendly amendment to change the language was made. In addition, clarifications were made by the sponsor and the committee, see friendly amendments.

Friendly amendments (if any):

9: (from sponsor) In required for majors, change Applied Science and Technology to Applied Science and Technology/Engineering.

14: Add “and Junior status” to prerequisites.

16b: Change Fall 2019 to Spring 2020. (this is only updated in some versions)

16d: Change language from “Due to laboratory application and computers” to “Due to classroom demonstration and computers”.

17: (from sponsor) Change Applied Science and Technology to Applied Science and Technology/Engineering.

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #21: 15-0-0

12. AUC #22 – New Course Construction Law

Sponsor: Wayne Whitfield

Motion to consider AUC #22 Keith Williamson, Second: Pamela McCafferty

Discussion: The course is going to be addressing how the legal system impacts the construction industry and introduces students to laws and policies and how they affect. Construction management will be the concentration.

Friendly Amendments (if any):

9: (from sponsor) Required for majors, change Applied Science and Technology to Applied Science and Technology/Engineering.

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC #22 15-0-0

13. AUC #24-New Course Seminar in Construction

Sponsor: Nirajan Mani

Motion to consider AUC #24 Keith Williamson, Second: Cheryl Goldman

Discussion: Sponsor made friendly amendments similar to those from AUC #21.

Friendly Amendments (if any)

9: (from sponsor) Required for majors, change Applied Science and Technology to Applied Science and Technology/Engineering.

16d: (from sponsor) Change language from “Due to laboratory application and computers” to “Due to classroom demonstration and computers”.

17: (from sponsor) Change Applied Science and Technology to Applied Science and Technology/Engineering.

Vote to Recommend Approval of AUC#24 with Friendly Amendments: 15-0-0

Motion to adjourn (4:30 pm), by Steven Fielder, second: Daniel Sarefield

Closing comments: Catherine Buell thanked committee members.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Britton Snyder