

ALL UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 7, 2019

3:30 p.m.

Miller Oval

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Laura Bayless, DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld, Cathy Canney, Sara Levine, Michael Nosek, Alexander Ramos Jr., Charles Roberts, Peter Staab, Joe Wachtel, Amy Wehe.

Committee Members Absent:

Matthew Badagliacca, Alberto Cardelle, Hailey O'Brien, Aisling O'Connor.

Guests in Attendance:

Catherine Buell, Keith Chenot, Chris Cratsley, Yasser Derwiche Djazerly, Lisa Gim, Aruna Krishnamurthy, Abdel Mustafa, Mahadev Nadimpalli, Heather Urbanski, Wafa Unus.

AUC Chair Peter Staab called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes:

AUC Meeting: December 6, 2018

Motion: Charles Roberts Second: Alexander Ramos Jr.

Vote: 8/0/2

Motion to accept minutes from AUC Curriculum Committee meeting: December 20, 2018

Motion: Michael Nosek Second: Alexander Ramos Jr.

Vote: 8/0/2

II. New Business (Proposals to send to subcommittees)

Motion to refer AUC #45-59 and #61 to the Curriculum Committee and #60 to Curriculum, Academic Policies, and Student Affairs committees

Motion: Michael Nosek Second: Charles Roberts

Aruna Krishnamurthy, in her capacity as MSCA Chapter President, spoke to the committee requesting that AUC not refer #60, the LA&S Curriculum proposal, to subcommittees but instead send the proposal back to the proposers due to a contract violation. She stated that the proposal violated Article VII of the contract because question #8 on the LAS designation form submitted as part of the proposal requested "Feedback from the LAS Council". She contended that the Council has no contractual authority in this approval process. Chris Cratsley noted that the line on the form is not mandatory for submittal. Aruna requested that the form be amended by friendly amendment before referral. Chris explained that he could not do that without going back to the Council. Catherine Buell said she would cancel the scheduled curriculum meeting to discuss this proposal if this was not taken care of, as she did not want to waste committee members' time. Cathy Canney noted that there would be ample time before that subcommittee meeting for Chris Cratsley to go back to the LA&S Council. Michael Nosek stated procedurally that the proposal must be referred to subcommittees. Aruna stated that Alberto Cardelle agreed with her on the contract violation. Alberto was not present to speak to this assertion. Aruna stated that if the proposal goes through governance as is, she will file a grievance after the process is complete.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved)

III. Proposals to Approve

AUC #9: Changes to Computer Science Major Requirements

Motion: Michael Nosek Second: Laura Bayless

Mahadev Nadimpalli presented

Mahadev reviewed proposal #9, which updates the curriculum for the Computer Science major to align with ABET accreditation requirement changes. The program needs to have at least 15 credits in math as described by ABET and at least 6 credits in natural science course work to include a lab. Changes proposed are to remove the current, "one additional math at the 3000 level" and keep other existing 17 credits and remove required General Physics I and II, and add one 4-credit lab course.

Amy Wehe questioned how the 4-credit lab would satisfy ABET's 6 credit science requirement. Mahadev stated that ABET counts the electronics lab course under this category. Extensive discussion on whether or not the remaining math course requirements were at a high enough level to satisfy ABET requirements. Several committee members and a guest questioned whether or not Business Statistics was the best choice for one of the math requirements suggesting something at a higher level. Mahadev stated that ABET has counted that course for the past 15 years so was not going to change unless ABET required them to do so. Believes the course is better fit for students in this major.

Vote: 4/1/5

AUC #23 – New Course: Water and Wastewater Treatment

Motion: Charles Roberts Second: Michael Nosek

Abdel Mustafa presented

Abdel presented an overview of this new course proposal.

Cathy Canney suggested a friendly amendment to change the proposal from a required course for a proposed new concentration to a free elective. Since the original submission of this course proposal, a decision was made not to submit the new concentration this year and do so later. Abdel accepted the amendment.

Discussion around why course was proposed as 4 credits without a lab. Abdel explained that there is hands on work but no formal lab.

Vote: 9/0/0 (Unanimously approved with friendly amendment)

AUC #12 – New Course: Foundations of Professional Writing

Motion: Laura Bayless Second: Michael Nosek

Heather Urbanski presented

Heather presented an overview of all proposals and changes to the curriculum for the professional writing concentration. She noted that this has been in discussion for years and with the addition of new faculty have been able to finalize this proposal that helps to modernize and professionalize the concentration. She then spoke more specifically to AUC #12. The Foundations of Professional Writing is a new course that would be required of all concentration students. Lisa Gim noted that other English Studies concentrations have a required foundational course. Not a prerequisite to other courses to avoid potential progression bottlenecks for students.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved)

AUC #13 – New Course: Style Studio

Motion: Michael Nosek Second: Charles Roberts

Heather Urbanski presented

Heather Urbanski presented an overview of proposal #13, new course proposal for Style Studio. The course can be taken before or after Foundation course.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved)

AUC #14 – New Course: News Reporting and Writing

Motion: Michael Nosek Second: Sara Levine

Wafa Unus presented

Wafa provided an overview of proposal #14, which seeks approval for a new course, News Reporting and Writing.

Friendly amendment accepted to "check" the Option on a list of courses needed to fulfill a program requirement under question #9.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved with friendly amendment)

AUC #15: Change Description of Journalism (ENGL/COMM 2800)

Motion: Charles Roberts Second: Joe Wachtel

Heather Urbanski and Wafa Unus presented

Heather and Wafa provided an overview of proposal #15, which seeks approval to change the course description for ENGL/COMM 2880.

Michael Nosek noted that currently the course descriptions for cross-listed courses ENGL and COMM are not the same. Proposers said this proposal will correct that with the new description to be used for both. Emails provided showing approval from the Communications Media Department.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved)

AUC #16: Change Level, Name, and Description of Creative Writing (ENGL 3500)

Motion: Joe Wachtel Second: Alexander Ramos Jr.

DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld presented

DeMisty provided an overview of proposal #16, to change course level, name, description and placement in the curriculum for ENGL 2500, Creative Writing.

Friendly amendment accepted to add to description, "Credit cannot be awarded for both ENGL 3500 and ENGL 2XXX." Use this revised version of the curriculum committee friendly amendment.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved with friendly amendment)

AUC #17: Change Description and Prerequisites of College Newspaper Production (ENGL 3830)

Motion: Laura Bayless Second: Michael Nosek

Wafa Unus presented

Wafa provided an overview of proposal #17, which seeks approval to change the course descriptions and prerequisites for ENGL 3830, College Newspaper Production.

Friendly amendment accepted to strike ENGL 1200 from the prerequisite list and to ignore the Curriculum Committee's amendment to add HON 1200.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved with friendly amendments)

AUC #18: Changes to Title Description and Prerequisites of Online Magazine (ENGL 3840)

Motion: Joe Wachtel Second: Charles Roberts

Heather Urbanski presented

Heather presented an overview of proposal #18, which seeks to update the title, course description and prerequisite for ENGL 3840, On-Line Magazine.

Michael Nosek noted that the cross-listed version of COMM 3870 has different prerequisites. Heather said she would reach out to the chair. Charles Roberts said he would communicate this as well.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved)

AUC #19: Change Level, Description, and Prerequisites for Editing and Publishing (ENGL 2810)

Motion: Joe Wachtel Second: Sara Levine

Heather Urbanski presented

Heather provided an overview of proposal #19, which seeks approval to change the course number, description, and prerequisites for ENGL 2810, Editing and Publishing.

Friendly amendment accepted to add to course description, "Credit will not be awarded for both ENGL 2810 and ENGL 3XXX." Use this revised version of the Curriculum Committee's friendly amendment.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved with friendly amendment)

AUC #20: Restructure Professional Writing Concentration

Motion: Charles Roberts Second: Michael Nosek

Heather Urbanski presented

Heather provided an overview of proposal #20, which seeks approval for an updated Professional Writing concentration curriculum. An executive summary document was provided to give more details about the proposal. Changes are more in line with industry standards and disciplinary trends as take advantage of the specialties and expertise of new faculty hires.

Note friendly amendment from curriculum of typo on the 4-year plan of study.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved with friendly amendment)

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Michael Nosek Second: Laura Bayless

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Vote: 10/0/0 (Unanimously approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Canney

Dr. Catherine Canney

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs