

**Minutes for University Curriculum Committee meeting of March 2, 2011***Present (alphabetically by department):*

<i>Adams, Don</i>	<i>Chair</i>
<i>Feder, Kenneth</i>	<i>Anthropology</i>
<i>Butler, Jerry</i>	<i>Art</i>
<i>Jackson, Mark (alternate)</i>	<i>Biology</i>
<i>Dobbs-McAuliffe, Betsy</i>	<i>Biomolecular Sciences</i>
<i>Watton, Steve</i>	<i>Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry</i>
<i>Pudlinski, Chris</i>	<i>Communication</i>
<i>King, Cherie</i>	<i>Counseling &amp; Family Therapy</i>
<i>Simmons, Reginald</i>	<i>Criminology &amp; Criminal Justice</i>
<i>Mijid, Nara</i>	<i>Economics</i>
<i>Vasko, Thomas</i>	<i>Engineering</i>
<i>Karpuk, Paul</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Frank, Lisa</i>	<i>Finance</i>
<i>Williams, Louise</i>	<i>History</i>
<i>Chasse, Emily</i>	<i>Librarians</i>
<i>Miller, Dan</i>	<i>Management &amp; Organization</i>
<i>Lee-Partridge, Joo-Eng</i>	<i>Management Information Systems</i>
<i>Thamma, Ravindra (alternate)</i>	<i>Manufacturing &amp; Construction Management</i>
<i>Miller, Adele</i>	<i>Mathematical Sciences</i>
<i>Kazecki, Jakub</i>	<i>Modern Languages</i>
<i>Parr, Carlotta</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>King, Audra</i>	<i>Philosophy</i>
<i>Bishop, Jan</i>	<i>Physical Education &amp; Human Performance</i>
<i>Smith, Robbin</i>	<i>Political Science</i>
<i>Perdue, Lauren</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
<i>Sanders, Delia</i>	<i>Social Work</i>
<i>Erdmans, Mary</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
<i>Adair, Stephen (alternate/guest)</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
<i>Nicoll-Senft, Joan</i>	<i>Special Education</i>
<i>Siragusa, Sheila</i>	<i>Theatre</i>
<i>Wolff, Robert</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Sciences Dean's office</i>

Guests:

Adams, Abigail

Anthropology / Community Engagement

Fallahi, Carolyn

Psychology

I. The committee approved the minutes of the December 1 main meeting, with the following correction: Delia Sanders, Social Work, was present at the meeting.

## II. **Announcements**

### A. **Minor Changes**

2. The prerequisite for LAW 250 was changed from "30 credits completed before beginning course work" to "sophomore standing or higher" because sophomores with 26 credits were being denied admission to the course.

IV. The **Consent Agenda** was passed with the following clarifications and points of information. Items noted as tabled by any subcommittee will roll over to the next round of meetings.

## **Old Business**

### **History**

#### 4. **Graduate Program Revision: Master of Arts in History**

The program will no longer require foreign language proficiency, but students should be aware that it may be necessary for certain research subjects.

## **New Business**

### **Anthropology**

#### 9. **Undergraduate Program Addition: Minor in Community Engagement**

The courses listed constitute a "starter" program. Departments with other offerings they deem appropriate for inclusion in the program are encouraged to contact either Abigail Adams or Robbin Smith.

### **Biology**

10-14. The program revisions are all intended solely to incorporate the new course, BIO 469 Entomology, which is being added as per agenda item 10.

### **Biomolecular Sciences**

14-15. The lab (now BMS 308) is being split off from the course (BMS 306).

16. The change in BMS 490 from 3-4 to 1-4 credits is intended to accommodate winter session offerings for fewer credits.

### **Engineering**

21-24. The program revisions all make adjustments to incorporate ENGR 290, a writing course specific to the discipline, as is also being done in Social Work.

### **First-Year Seminar**

34. Re: the assignment of Study Area IV credit to FYS 104: *The Undead Ate My Science Homework: Zombies and 20th Century Science*, it was maintained that zombies belong in the Natural Sciences (Study Area IV).

### **Manufacturing and Construction Management**

35-48. The course and program additions in Robotics proceed concomitantly with phasing out of the old Electro-Mechanical Technology program.

41. The School of Engineering & Technology has agreed to cover costs of any additional Math sections that may be necessitated by creation of ROBO 370 (for which MATH 226 is a prerequisite), though additional sections will probably not be

needed.

### **Mathematics**

50, 54, 58. These items relate to the tutoring line, MATH 211, 311, 411. They are intended to insure some quality control re: tutoring ability before students proceed to tutoring at higher levels.

### **Modern Languages**

Many of these changes are intended to render uniform / standardize numbers and titles across the languages so that students have a clearer idea of how to progress to higher levels of language study.

91. Major in Spanish, B.A. (Specialization in Inter-University B.A., Major in Spanish)

93. Major in Spanish, B.S. (Certifiable for secondary teaching - Specialization in Inter-University B.S., Major in Spanish)

This really is a substantive revision which creates a specialization inside the B.A. and B.S. (certifiable for secondary teaching). For either of these programs the student completes 12 credits at a Spanish-speaking partner institution abroad for one semester, listed as a Specialization in Inter-University Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures.

### **Music**

94-135. The changes in prerequisites for many courses to establish that students must have minimum C- or higher in the prerequisite course (C or B- in some exceptional cases) are intended to ensure quality control in performance, so that students can succeed in the higher-level courses.

### **Philosophy**

136. Because Introduction to Modern Logic is really a formal mathematics course, it is being reclassified in Skill Area II which also necessitates a course number change from PHIL 220 to PHIL 221.

139. Minor in Social Justice

The list of courses is a "starter" list and other departments are encouraged to suggest inclusion of their offerings which they consider appropriate for this program, for instance Criminology or Political Science.

### **Social Work**

146-147. These items add SW 225 Writing for the Social Work Profession and change B.A. in Social Work to incorporate it as a major requirement, parallel to the writing for the discipline course, ENGR 290, created in Engineering.

### **Sociology**

150. Major in Sociology, B.A.

The revision tweaks the program to add two new courses.

V. **Agenda.** These items were passed with the following clarifications and points of information. Items noted as tabled by any subcommittee will roll over to the next round of meetings.

### **B. New Business**

### **English**

25-28. The change in the language of prerequisites from "... , or permission of instructor" to "... , except by permission of instructor" as amended in subcommittee was confirmed. In the course description for ENG 492, the following sentence (in both the current and proposed descriptions) was deleted: "Recommended for secondary teachers and reading specialists."

### **Mathematics**

155-156. Skill Area II credit is reaffirmed for MATH 113 and 213. These items had been inadvertently left off the General Education Subcommittee agenda.

59. Under MATH 412, there was some discussion of the fact that the final sentence of the description is redundant: "This course is for teacher certification only and graduate credit will not be granted." The prerequisites already state that the course is "open only for students seeking elementary certification." Nevertheless, it was felt that the final sentence of the description should be retained for emphasis.

**Music**

161.        *The course description for MUS 335 is being revised to parallel the descriptions for other music history courses.*

**Theatre**

151.        *Undergraduate Program Revision: Major in Theatre with Specialization in Performance, B.F.A.*

*The revision in this program is being undertaken to move the emphasis on Dance to here from the major program listed in agenda item 152.*

**C.        Extraordinary Additions****Modern Languages**

165.        *Undergraduate Program Revision: Major in French, B.S. (Certifiable for secondary teaching)*

*This program revision updates course numbers and titles to reflect current changes.*

**Music**

166.        *The change in cycling of MUS 262 could otherwise go through as a minor change but it appears elsewhere on the agenda.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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