**University Curriculum Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 13, 2023**

**9 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.**

Committee Members: Dawn Bowen (Chair), Sayan Sakar, Teresa Coffman (Secretary)

Ex-officio: Rita Dunston (Office of the Registrar), Kevin Caffrey (Office of the Registrar)

Not Present: Christopher Ryder

The committee discussed the following curriculum proposals for course changes, new courses, and program changes:

**Course Change Proposals**

* ANTH 298: Ethnographic Research Methods
  + Increase to 4 credits.
  + Provides more instruction and prepares for the potential separation of departments.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* MATH 300: Linear Algebra
  + Increase to 4 credits.
  + Provides for additional instructional time.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* PHYS 384: Advanced Physics Laboratory
  + Reduce credits.
  + Revised course description.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.

Courses listed below were not discussed. They were grouped with Course Change Proposals above, but not voted on by the UCC. They are listed below as part of the bundled package of proposals:

* HSCI 120: Medical Terminology for Health Professions
  + Revised title, course description, and eliminated prerequisite.
* NURS 305: Interprofessional Partnerships
  + Changed discipline, revised title, course description, and prerequisites.
* NURS 310: Professionalism in Nursing Practice
  + Revised title, course description, and prerequisites.
* NURS 320: Holistic Health Assessment for the Professional Nurse
  + Inactivated course.
* NURS 410: Scholarship for Nursing Practice
  + Revised title, course description, and prerequisites.
* NURS 440: Population Health
  + Revised title, course description, and prerequisites.
* NURS 480: Information and Healthcare Technologies
  + Revised title, course description, and prerequisites.
* NURS 490: Practicum
  + Revised course description and prerequisites.
* PHYS 211: Modern Physics
  + Revised description.
* PHYS 220: Materials, Fluids, & Thermodynamics
  + Renumbered, revised title, and course description.
* PHYS 290: Methods of Mathematical Physics
  + Renumbered and revised prerequisites.
* PHYS 300: Optics w/Lab
  + Renumbered.
* PHYS 310: Nuclear & Particle Physics
  + Renumbered, renamed, and revised course description.
* PHYS 319: Astrophysics
  + Revised prerequisite number (PHYS 290).
* PHYS 320: Classical Mechanics w/Lab
  + Revised course description (drop course recommendations) and renumbered prerequisite.
* PHYS 400: Electromagnetism w/Lab
  + Renumbered, renamed, and revised description (drop course recommendations).
* PHYS 410: Quantum Mechanics w/Lab
  + Renumbered, renamed, and revised description (drop course recommendations).
* PHYS 471: Selected Topics in Physics
  + Revised description.

**New Course Proposals**

* ARAB 250: Conservation in Arabic
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve this new course.
* BIOL 313: Natural History: Observing Plants from Individuals to Ecosystem
  + Course was taught three times during the summer with less than 10 students each time but regular semester enrollment starting in the fall is expected to be higher.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* BIOL 467: Research in Molecular Parasitology
  + Previously taught.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* CYBR 458: Network Security
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* DGST 460: Digital Studies Seminar
  + New course as a capstone in the major.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* IDIS 196: Applying for Opportunities Abroad
  + 1-credit After Mary Washington course
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* IDIS 241: Developing Teaching Identities in STEM Disciplines
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* IDIS 242: Integrating Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (iCRP) in STEM
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* NURS 330: Systems-Based Practice
  + Mandated to maintain accreditation.
  + New course.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* NURS 350: Quality & Safety in Nursing Practice
  + Needed to maintain accreditation.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* NURS 360: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Nursing Practice
  + Needed to maintain accreditation.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* PHYS 190: Physics Peer Journey
  + 1-credit, cohort building course.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* PHYS 360: Statistical Mechanics w/Lab
  + New required course to ensure well-rounded PHYS grads.
  + Rebuilding and imagining new structure.
  + Small enrollments but typically have small enrollments.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* PSCI 382: International Human Rights
  + Taught previously with strong enrollment.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* PSYC 420: Career Explorations in Psychology
  + 1-credit After Mary Washington course
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.

**Program Change Proposals**

* Anthropology Major
  + Change in total credits because ANTH 298 is now 4 credits.
  + Adjusted to 31 credit major.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Applied Economics Major
  + Eliminate and replace ECON courses.
  + Create greater interdisciplinary options with advanced Econ-related courses in other departments.
  + Add to variety of courses from other disciplines - 12 credits.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Arts Administration Minor
  + Add to choices of courses (LRSP options) in business because of prerequisites for MGMT 301 and MKTG 301.
  + LRSP courses (online) are limited to a specific population (BLS students). BS students are discouraged from taking BLS courses. Future discussion: LRSP options for BS students
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* BS Nursing Completion Program
  + Change to adhere to CCNE accreditation.
    - Title changes.
    - New courses.
    - A plan is in place for current students.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Biology Major
  + Add EESC 418 as an elective.
  + Add electives.
  + Question about BIOL 467. KC added BIOL 467 to the Research Intensive Course list in the Biology major per changes under New Course Proposals above.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Biomedical Sciences Major
  + Add 3 electives into the major.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Communications & Digital Studies Major
  + Add DGST 460 to capstone option.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Conservation Biology Major
  + Add BIOL 313 to diversity requirement.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Cybersecurity Major
  + Add CYBR 458 to electives.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Digital Studies Minor
  + Add DGST 460 as a capstone option.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Entrepreneurship Minor
  + Replace ECON 202 with MGMT 302.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Instructional Improvement (Master of ED)
  + Add two cognate options: English Language Learners and preparation for leadership roles in schools or central office.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Law and Philosophy Minor
  + Add four electives that had been overlooked.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Mathematics Major
  + Revise major to remove three hidden prerequisites (STAT 180, MATH 121, STAT 381).
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Applied Physics Major
  + Restructure major to add two new required classes.
  + Add and delete electives.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Physics Major
  + Restructure major to add two new required classes.
  + Add and delete electives.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Physics Minor
  + Add and delete electives.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.

**New Programs**

* Applied Mathematics & Statistics
  + 3rd of new majors housed in Mathematics Department.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Disability Studies Minor
  + Interdisciplinary within minor.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.
* Global History Major
  + Interdisciplinary within minor.
  + The committee voted unanimously to approve.