



## University Courses and Curricula Committee 2023-2024

November 29, 2023  
Hosted Via Zoom  
Call to Order: 1:15 PM

### Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renee Harrington (Chair)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamah Morant                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Jadelis |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kanton Reynolds (Past Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Bush                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mihai Diaconeasa    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Pratt Phillips                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whitney Jones                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Fetch                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travis Park                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Duggins                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelsey Jenkins                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kami Kosenko                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helmut Hergeth                         |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Schaffer             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hannah Rainey                                     |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Cannon                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Leaf (proxy for Peggy Domingue) |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Heckman                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Levy                            |   |

### Absent Members:

**Guests:** Noah Strote (HSS 201), Peggy Domingue

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Li Marcus, Lexi Hergeth, Lydia Christoph, Kaitlyn Mittan, Ontario Wooden, John Harrington

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Remarks from Chair Renee Harrington** – Welcomed guests and proxies.
- **Remarks from OUCCAS/DASA** – Marcus informed the committee that she would be working on getting together a small group to study ungrading in the spring. This is the final UCCC meeting of the Fall 2023 semester, and dates for next semester's meetings are now online, thanks to A. Hergeth. Minors and certificates and how they function is a topic needing clarification, so Marcus will be speaking with associate deans regarding this in the spring. A. Hergeth announced that feedback updates regarding the Admin Save Memo would be given at the end of the meeting.
- **Approval of the UCCC Minutes from November 15, 2023** – Approved  
Discussion: Schaffer moved to approve. The motion was seconded and carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Consent Agenda** - Approved  
Discussion: Schaffer moved to approve. Motion was seconded and carried.
- **ANS 108 : Small Ruminant Production** – Approved with Suggestion  
Discussion: This new course was presented by Park. Suggestion to change letter grading to an option allowing S/U grading as well. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **HSS 201: Critical Thinking in American Life: Engaging Across Difference** – Approved  
Discussion: This course was presented by Kosenko. Reviewers remarked that the course looked good. Motion was seconded and carried.
- **PSY 412 : Social Relationships** – Approved  
Discussion: This new course was presented by Kosenko. Bush was a reviewer and said it looked good. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Arts Studies (Minor)** – Tabled  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko. Department Head of Performing Arts and Technology sent an email via Leaf, asking Kosenko to table this action. Motion to table was seconded and passed.

- **Interdisciplinary Studies (BA): Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies – Approved with Suggestions**  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko. Reynolds asked about the disciplinary groups and numbers of credit hours. Levy, Duggins, Morant, Schaffer, and Reynolds discussed and asked for clarity regarding the “choose one course each from two of the disciplinary groups” statement. There was confusion regarding the “Disciplinary Groupings” heading in the Plan Requirements, directly below the Departmental Requirements class list. A suggestion was made to include credit hours in the elective list heading for “Disciplinary Groupings,” and to move the “Disciplinary Groupings” heading within the Departmental Requirements list to the bottom of the list, below “Concentration Area Advanced” and “Concentration Area Elective” so that it didn’t have an option below it to cause confusion, or alternatively, that the sentence under the “Disciplinary Groupings” heading be changed to “For the six credits of disciplinary groupings, choose one from each of the disciplinary groups,” instead of saying “Choose one course each from two of the disciplinary groupings,” to avoid confusion. Schaffer asked for a total under “Departmental Requirements,” but Marcus replied that CIM would not allow that without significant reformatting.

Cannon noted that the last category of disciplinary groupings—Hist, Phil, Rel, and Music--did not have a maximum number of units, while all the other categories did. Diaconeasa stated that he would be fine approving without clarity suggestions. Motion was seconded and approved with suggestions.

- **Interdisciplinary Studies (BS): Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies – Approved**  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko. Motion was seconded and carried.
- **International Studies (BA): Europe Concentration – Approved**  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko. The motion was combined with all the International Studies BA actions. Reviewers all commented that the concentrations they reviewed looked good. The motion carried.
- **International Studies (BA): Global Sustainability and Development Concentration – Approved**  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko and approved in a group with the other International Studies BA concentrations.
- **International Studies (BA): Latin America Concentration – Approved**  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko. It was approved in a group with the other International Studies BA concentrations.
- **International Studies (BA): South Asia and Middle East Concentration – Approved**  
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Kosenko. It was approved in a group with the other International Studies BA concentrations.
- **FOR 501 / FOR 401 : Dendrology – Approved**  
Discussion: This course was presented by Bush, who moved to approve with the changes noted. Phillips noted that the course updates had included compliance with a previous friendly suggestion to change the weighting for the quizzes and final exam to ranges. Reynolds questioned the appropriateness of “Recall the natural history of important tree species,” Student Learning Outcome 4, for a 400/500 level class. Bush and Schaffer felt that it might be an outcome scaffolding situation. The motion was seconded and approved.
- **TT 327 : Yarn Production and Properties – Approved**  
Discussion: This course was presented by Hergeth. Kosenko and Hergeth discussed the separate course topics being listed in the first sentence of the catalog description. The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion: A. Hergeth asked Morant, Hergeth, and Schaffer for feedback from their colleges regarding the Admin Save (AS) Memo. College of Textiles approved the AS Memo as long as individual faculty members were not allowed to make major changes to their own courses without approval. Levy did not have any concerns beyond what had already been mentioned in prior feedback. A. Hergeth asked for all remaining feedback to be submitted by the end of winter break. Marcus asked if anyone wished to raise any more concerns. Bush said she was fine with pushing the AS Memo through. A. Hergeth stated that there would be a follow up with further information. Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 1:46 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Lydia Christoph*