



University Courses and Curricula Committee 2023-2024

March 20, 2024
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"/> Sarah Heckman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Levent Atici (proxy for Rachel Levy) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kanton Reynolds (Past Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamah Morant | <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Jadelis |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon Pratt Phillips | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Bush | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mihai Diaconeasa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travis Park | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whitney Jones | <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Fetch |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Duggins (Chair-Elect) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelsey Jenkins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kami Kosenko | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helmut Hergeth | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Schaffer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Rainey | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Gannon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peggy Domingue | |

Absent Members:

Guests: Cheryl Tran, Tate Russack, Kristen Turner

Ex-Officio Members Present: Li Marcus, Lexi Hergeth, Lydia Christoph, Sahil Bendale, Kyle Pysher, Charles Clift, Kaitlyn Mittan, Ontario Wooden, Samantha Polito, Joe Cannella, Latasha Wade

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Remarks from Chair Renee Harrington** – Welcome to guests and proxies.
- **Remarks from OUCCAS/DASA** – Come to the OUCCAS website usability study focus groups. OIP asked about the background to the 120 credit-hour requirement, so we did research and you can see our website for these specifics.
- **Approval of the UCCC Minutes from March 6, 2024** – Approved
Discussion: None.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Consent Agenda** - Approved
Discussion: None.
- **SSC 427 / SSC 527 : Biological Approaches to Sustainable Soil Systems** – Approved with Suggestion
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Pratt Phillips. Kosenko suggested making the abbreviated title more descriptive and aligned more directly with the actual course title. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Aerospace Engineering (BS)** – Approved
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Heckman. Hergeth had no comments. Kosenko said it looked good. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **MAE 201 : Thermal-Fluid Sciences** – Approved
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Heckman. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **HON 357 : Performing the Lost Cause** – Approved with Suggestions
Discussion: This new course was presented by Domingue. The motion was seconded. Zuckerman-Hyman discussed the GEP course attribute, and whether or not the course contained IP or USDEI elements. A suggestion was made to consider ranges for the coursework weights. The motion carried.
- **Military Science (Minor)** – Approved Pending

Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Domingue. Duggins mentioned a missing word in the last bulleted sentence above the Plan Requirements section, and Reynolds said that it couldn't go through as it was because it mentioned taking classes for credit, but MS classes could not be taken as pass/fail, and a letter grade was a different kind of credit. There was discussion as to whether to table the proposal or make it approved pending. Duggins moved to change the motion to approved pending, and the motion was approved. Jones said it was confusing that MS 100 was required, but for 0 credits. The last sentence above the Plan Requirements would need to be removed since MS 100 was not found in CIM. Jones mentioned that the 3 credit hours for the minor for veterans and civilians was confusing in relation to the 15 required hours. Russack logged in and asked for a recap. Russack discussed whether or not MS classes could be taken as pass/fail or letter grades only. Schaffer summarized the reiteration of concerns and the explanation to Russack, and the current approved pending status. Duggins mentioned Jones' comment about stating a student needs to achieve a "C" or better in the class, and said that the entire paragraph above the list of Plan Requirements should probably be removed. Jones recommended saying "cadets need 12 hours from the below list." The motion to approve pending edits carried.

- **MS 295 : Special Topics in Military Leadership – Tabled**

Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Domingue. Heckman stated that the course effective date should be Fall 2024, and made a friendly suggestion to put week ranges on the modules. Duggins said that he wasn't sure this was a special topics class, and perhaps neither was MS 495, either. He asked if the course was about how to be a leader, or about the history of leadership in the military. Heckman recommended tabling if this was indeed a special topics course. Cannon said she liked the SLO for writing better from MS 495 than for 295. She thought the one for 295 was a little confusing because there were a few different ways to define effective writing. She recommended the following: "Apply tenants of effective writing and communication required by company-level officers." Duggins wondered if the course could be changed in different offerings. Russack said he would consult with the course creator. Duggins moved to table. The motion carried.

- **MS 495 : Special Topics in Military Science – Tabled**

Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Domingue. Reynolds mentioned using the word "identify" instead of "recognize" regarding discrimination amidst army ranks for Objective 4, and pointed out the potential difficulty in measuring this objective. Mittan disclosed that there was an email chain in which she had recommended measurement clarification to the course creator for this objective. Morant explained that most special topics were presented so that the content could change a bit, but perhaps this was not the case with MS 495 and 295. Duggins again raised the concern that this did not truly seem to be a special topics course, and that if the course were being taught on a regular basis, then it should probably come as a new course proposal, not a modification to the special topics proposal. The motion was tabled.

Discussion: None.

Meeting adjourned: 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Christoph