



University Courses and Curricula Committee 2023-2024

03/06/2024
Talley 3222
Call to Order: 1:15 PM

Members Present: (Quorum = 11)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renee Harrington (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Heckman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peggy Domingue |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nur Ozaltin (Proxy COE) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamah Morant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Levy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon Pratt-Phillips | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Bush | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mihai Diaconeasa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Duggins (Chair-Elect) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Schaffer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helmut Hergeth | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Cannon | | |

Absent Members: Kanton Reynolds, Whitney Jones, Kami Kosenko, Kelsey Jenkins, Hannah Rainey, Andy Fetch, Chris Jadelis

Guests: Doneka R. Scott, Beth Fath, David Stokes (Math Data Sci Minor), Jennifer Capps (Business Ent Minor), Stephen Markham, Dan Dougherty (PY 456), Levent Atici, Bill Fortney,

Ex-Officio Members Present: Li Marcus, Lexi Hergeth, Lydia Christoph, Sahil Bendale, Kaitlyn Mittan, Ontario Wooden, Samantha Polito, Latasha Wade

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Remarks from Chair Renee Harrington** – Raise your hand to vote, since we're meeting in person today.
- **Remarks from OUCCAS/DASA** – None.
- **Approval of the UCCC Minutes from [DATE]** – Approved
Discussion: None.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NE 291 : Introduction to Health Physics Laboratory – Approved Pending**
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Ozaltin. She relayed Reynold's concerns regarding the high attendance percentage for this course. Heckman mentioned attendance and said that the professor was open to alternatives to the attendance language. Wright Fath mentioned that she was reviewing the course for CUE, and that the assessment measures and the presentation rubric were concerns. She had passed along several questions to the instructor ahead of time. Wright Fath suggested changing the language to "professional attire," or "business casual" for the course dress code. She also suggested "universal design standards" instead of the current language regarding "pleasing" presentation colors, as "pleasing" could be very subjective. Heckman said that she thought the instructor's intent did not involve bias with the presentation color directive. Marcus stated that feedback on this additional information, gained from conversations with the instructor, was appropriate at this time. Levy said that she thought the items to correct were easily fixed. Suggestions were made for including "universal design" principles and "accessibility" in the presentation section of the rubric, as well as adding language regarding where lower-income students could obtain affordable business casual dress, perhaps in the syllabus. Diaconeasa stated he would strike out the appearance component completely from the rubric. Duggins remarked that the appearance standards were not from an instructor-created rubric, but rather from an engineering rubric. The motion was changed to approved pending. Mittan asked about clothing specifically appearing in the rubric language. Levy said that she had a colleague who had been asked to change her hair because it was not "professional," and that the word "professional" could contain bias. Mittan asked if it mattered that the outcomes in the syllabus differed from the outcomes in CIM. Marcus stated that it mattered significantly, but since UCCC did not review syllabi, that this feedback needed to be taken back to the College of Engineering. The approved pending motion carried.
- **Undergraduate Minor in Mathematical Data Science – Approved**
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Levy. Phillips asked about the plan requirements. Duggins and Levy explained that the "at least" wording covered the 5 versus 6 difference between credit or courses. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Consent Agenda - Approved**
Discussion: None.
- **Engineering (BS): Electrical Engineering Systems Concentration – Approved**
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Ozaltin. Cannon had no comments. Duggins asked if the over 120 hours requirement was expected to be approved, and Marcus affirmed this. The vote was seconded and carried.
- **NE 419 : Introduction to Nuclear Energy – Approved**
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Heckman. The motion was seconded. Morant said that she thought it was fine. Pratt Phillips mentioned the percentage weights on the grading scale. Mittan pointed out that the Student Learning Outcomes all contained lower-level Bloom’s verbs, but this was a 400-level class. Diaconeasa mentioned that calculus would be involved in the computation required. The motion carried.
- **MEA 370 : Invertebrate Paleontology – Approved**
Discussion: This new course was presented by Duggins (proxy for Jones). The motion was seconded and carried.
- **PY 456 : Senior Design Project in Physics – Approved with Suggestions**
Discussion: This new course was presented by Duggins (proxy for Jones). The motion was seconded. Hergeth mentioned that the evaluation methods did not show ranges, and involved an “approximate.” Dougherty said he thought the instructor would be open to putting ranges on the evaluation methods. The motion carried.
- **Business Entrepreneurship (Minor) – Approved**
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Morant. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **DAN 311 : State Dance Company – Approved**
Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Domingue. Zuckerman-Hymann asked if there should be an “or” in the co-requisites, and Wright Fath confirmed this. It was requested to make this an administrative change. Zuckerman-Hymann asked about the math adding up in terms of credits, and mentioned some grammatical corrections. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **HESF 114 : Functional Training and Proprioceptive Awareness – Approved**
Discussion: This new course was presented by Domingue. Hergeth mentioned that the evaluation methods had to use the maximum allowed in order to add up, so they were not really ranges. Harrington explained that the course had a mixture of activities in different weeks. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **HESF 115 : Wellness and Resilience – Approved**
Discussion: This new course was presented by Domingue. Bush said she was very excited about seeing this course offered to students, and that it looked great to her. The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion: On behalf of EMAS, Marcus announced updates to course delivery methods available in the scheduling system and in the enrollment wizard, notably the addition of Online Asynchronous and Online Synchronous, as well as other updates to make in-person/synchronous attendance expectations more clear to students at the time of enrollment.

Meeting adjourned: 1:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Christoph