**University Courses and Curricula Committee 2023-2024**

May 1, 2024

 Hosted Via Zoom

 Call to Order: 1:15 PM

 **Members Present:**

* ~~Renee Harrington(Chair)~~
* Kanton Reynolds (Past Chair)
* Shannon Pratt Phillips
* Travis Park
* ~~Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman~~
* ~~Kami Kosenko~~
* ~~Kristen Schaffer~~
* ~~Steven Miller (proxy for Sarah Cannon)~~
* ~~Sarah Heckman~~
* ~~Tamah Morant~~
* ~~Kimberly Bush~~
* ~~Whitney Jones~~
* ~~Jonathan Duggins (Chair-Elect)~~
* ~~Helmut Hergeth~~
* ~~Hannah Rainey~~
* ~~Peggy Domingue~~
* ~~Levent Atici (proxy for Rachel Levy)~~
* Christopher Jadelis
* ~~Mihai Diaconeasa~~
* Andy Fetch
* Kelsey Jenkins

**Absent Members**: Sarah Cannon, Kanton Reynolds, Rachel Levy, Travis Park, Shannon Pratt Phillips

**Guests**: Jordan McMican, Branda Nowell

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Lexi Hergeth, Lydia Christoph, Sahil Bendale

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

* **Remarks from Chair Renee Harrington** – Welcome. This will be short.
* **Remarks from OUCCAS/DASA –** None.
* **Approval of the UCCC Minutes from** **April 17, 2024** – *Approved*

Discussion: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Environmental First Year Program** **–** *Approved*

Discussion: This curricular action was presented by Jones. Hergeth asked whether this was a degree program or just a plan for the first year, like 50 hours or so. Nowell explained that the program was an introduction to the degree studies, and was a pathway for students to find whatever degree program was the right fit for them. Shaffer asked about note three under the semester layout. The note read that students should “try to do” work during the summer before their freshman year. Nowell stated that this wasn’t a requirement as far as she knew, but that it would streamline students’ processes. Hergeth and Nowell clarified that this freshman year program would help advisors keep students on track. It would help students get oriented to the biological sciences, but also help them explore which direction they might wish to go in. Miller inquired if this first year experience might help students in other colleges, like civil engineering. Nowell said she thought most civil engineering students went through the engineering first-year program, but that it would be possible to set this program up in an interdisciplinary way in the future, to give students from other colleges dual-listing opportunities as well. Bush asked how this program related to the College of Natural Resources. Nowell said that this program had originated from that college, but it had grown to include approximately five colleges now.

Discussion: Nowell thanked the committee.

Meeting adjourned: 1:27 PM.  *Respectfully submitted by Lydia Christoph*