

Undergraduate Curriculum Council  
October 2, 2020  
Minutes

**Members Present**

Kristi DiClemente  
Kris Lee  
Amanda Dahl  
Kimberly Dorsey  
Sacha Dawkins

Leslie Arnold  
Clifton Wingard  
Chad Murphy  
Wesley Garrett  
Alina Harges

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

Lynn Dobbs  
Hillary Richardson

**Guests:**

Ross Whitwam  
Dorothy Berglund  
Holly Krogh

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met via Zoom on October 2, 2020. The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved by e-vote in May.

**University Administration Actions**

The following council actions from the March meeting were approved:

1. Offer a New Course – EN 274 Intro to the Graphic Novel
2. Modify an Existing Curriculum – BS in Chemistry
  - a. Remove MA 283 Calculus III as a required course
3. Modify an Existing Course – PSC 450 Physical Chemistry I
  - a. Remove MA 283 Calculus III as a prerequisite
4. Modify an Existing Course – PSC 451 Physical Chemistry II
  - a. Remove MA 283 Calculus III as a prerequisite
5. Modify an Existing Course – MA 283 Calculus III
6. Modify an Existing Course – MA 284 Calculus IV
7. Modify an Existing Course – MA 310 Probability and Statistics
  - a. Title Change to Probability

8. Modify an Existing Curriculum – BA in Music
9. Modify an Existing Curriculum – BM in Music Education
10. Modify an Existing Curriculum – BM in Music Therapy
  - a. Require all music majors to be in Music Ensemble
11. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Create Nonprofit Advocacy Minor
12. Modify an Existing Curriculum – BA History Concentration in Public History
13. Offer a New Course – HIS 333 History of Food and Culture in Europe
14. Offer a New Course – POL 365 Mississippi Women in Politics
15. Offer a New Course – WS 365 Mississippi Women in Politics

### **General Education**

16. Offer a New Course – FS Intimate Relationships

### **Education – FYI**

Two changes for undergraduate programs, the B.S. in Early Childhood Development and the B.S. in Elementary Education, for the next bulletin:

- Elementary Education students must earn a “B” or higher in ED 361, ED 362, and ED 366
- Undergraduate Education students will have only two attempts to earn the minimum grade in all courses in either major, ECD or EE.

## **Council Actions for October 2, 2020**

### **College of Arts, Sciences & Education**

1. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 101 General Biology I
2. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 101L General Biology I Lab
3. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 102 General Biology II
4. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 102 General Biology II Lab

These proposals seek to limit General Biology I and II lectures and associated labs to Biology majors and Kinesiology (Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Pre-Occupational Therapy) majors.

The Biology major uses BSB 101 General Biology I and BSB 102 General Biology II as prerequisites for almost all upper-year biology courses. Restricting enrollment will allow the faculty to increase the level of detail within the course and lay the groundwork for more advanced biological concepts that are introduced in upper-level biology courses. The Dept. of Sciences and Mathematics has already added BSB 109 and 110 to fulfill the biology General Education requirement for non-majors.

**Outcome:**

UCC believes this constitutes a major change to the General Education Curriculum due to the introduction of a prerequisite, which requires a vote of the full faculty. Wesley Garrett made a motion to send these proposals back to the department to resubmit the proposals as a change to the General Education curriculum. Kris Lee seconded.

The proposals were not approved as the committee saw these changes as a major modification to the General Education curriculum. We are requesting the Dept. of Sciences and Mathematics resubmit the proposals as a change to the General Education requirements, which will then go to Academic Council for consideration.

5. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 310 General Ecology
  - a. Change number to BSB 410

This proposal seeks to change the course number of General Ecology from BSB 310 to BSB 410 and update the course description. General Ecology acts as a capstone course for the Biology major. Students with senior standing are best prepared for the course, and the 400-level conveys that message.

6. Modify an Existing Course – BSB 346 Evolutionary Biology
  - a. Change number to BSB 446

This proposal seeks to change the course number of Evolutionary Biology from BSB 346 to BSB 446 and update the course description.

Kris Lee made a motion to approve the proposals pending an updated proposal including a corrected description of the changes and indicating the approval of the numbers by the Register. (This update was provided on 10/2/2020)

Chad Murphy seconded and the proposals were approved unanimously.

7. Modify an Existing Curriculum – BS Psychology
  - a. Addition of BS degree to the curriculum

This proposal seeks to offer a Psychology Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in addition to the existing Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. Psychology is recognized as a STEM discipline by the National Science Foundation. There is no substantial difference between the two degrees in terms of psychology major coursework. It is in general education requirements that they differ. Of note, both degree types require coursework in statistics and methods. With respect to W students, many who transfer in to the psychology program are further along on BS coursework than on foreign language coursework. Equally of note, multiple courses can be taken simultaneously to complete BS, but not BA requirements.

This proposal will require IHL approval.

Wesley Garrett made a motion to approve the proposal as written. Leslie Arnold seconded and the proposal was approved unanimously with the approval of IHL.

8. Offer a New Course – EN 270 Studies in Popular Culture

This course will present an analysis of contemporary popular culture, including such subjects as television, video games, film graphic narratives, music advertising, social media, and popular literature. Students who study popular culture, the way it is produced, and the ways audiences react and participate in it gain a deeper understanding not only of their own lives but of the importance and meaning of their connections to society itself.

The proposal was approved unanimously on March 1, 2019 pending a support letter from the Department of Communications and the addition of a CIP code. The support letter from Dr. Barry Smith and the CIP code were submitted in February 2020 and approved in the March 6 UCC meeting. Unfortunately, due to the confusion of Spring semester there was an oversight and this course was not submitted for approval at that time, we would like to do so now.

### **New Business**

Rotation for the vice chair for the committee for this year is the College of Business and Professional Studies. Wesley Garrett volunteered and was unanimously approved. Thank you, Wesley.

Our next meeting is scheduled for: **November 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm**

Proposals will be due by noon October 28, 2020.