

Undergraduate Curriculum Council
October 1, 2021
Minutes

Members Present

Wesley Garrett
Kimberly Dorsey
Bob Fuller
Cecy Brooks

Amanda Dahl
Kris Lee
Kim Shaw
April Greenway for Hannah Bascomb

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shannon Lucius

Russell Brandon

Guests:

Ross Whitwam
Marty Hatton
Susan Hurley

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met via Zoom on October 1, 2021. The minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved.

University Administration Actions

The following council actions from the May meeting were approved:

1. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Music Education - Vocal
 - a. Replace specific Biology requirement to any two natural science courses with labs
2. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Music Education - Instrumental
 - a. Replace specific Biology requirement to any two natural science courses with labs

Council Actions for October 1, 2021

College of Arts, Sciences & Education

Julia Mortyakova presented the following proposals:

1. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Biology Major
 - a. Add a sophomore level course requirement

This proposal seeks to add a sophomore level course requirement. Biology faculty want to increase biology majors' exposure to organismal biology and to better prepare biology majors for upper-year courses by increasing the number of sophomore-level biology courses they take.

Russell Brandon made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Amanda Dahl seconded and the proposal was approved unanimously.

2. Create a New Course -- MUS 330 Opera/Music Theater Workshop
 - a. 0-3 variable credit course

This proposal seeks to create a new music course in Opera/Music Theatre, where singers will rehearse and perform scenes and other excerpts from opera/music drama. The course will culminate in a staged, public performance at the end of the semester.

This course prepares music majors for success as performers, music directors, music educators, and, indirectly, as music therapists. In so doing, MUS 330 will serve as pre-professional training for music students in all three concentrations: music education, music therapy, and BA in music. The course is currently offered as FPA 399 Special Topics for 1-3 credit hours. This permanent MUS 330 course will be offered for 0-3 credit hours.

There was discussion that the Music Department may need to submit a proposal to inactivate the FPA 399 class, however, upon further inspection, the FPA 399 is a Special Topics course and no further proposals are needed.

Amanda Dahl made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Russell Brandon seconded and the proposals were approved unanimously.

School of Education

3. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Elementary Education BS
 - a. Add ED 297

This proposal seeks to add ED 297 The Computer in the Classroom as a required course to the Elementary Education curriculum.

The B.S. in Elementary Education currently is out of compliance with institutional policy. This change needs to be made effective mid-bulletin/immediately. Outcome: This proposal was approved unanimously. The UCC also supports the School of Education's request that the change take effect immediately.

Russell Brandon made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Kris Lee seconded and the proposal was approved unanimously.

New Business

Wesley Garrett made a motion to elect by acclamation Kim Shaw of NHS for Vice Chair for 2021-2022. Kris Lee seconded the motion. Kim will serve as Chair for 2022-2023.

Wesley Garrett mentioned that there was some need for updating the forms again. She will send out drafts for members to review and respond at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for: **November 5, 2021 at 1:30 pm**

Proposals will be due by noon October 27, 2021.