

Undergraduate Curriculum Council
February 1, 2008
Minutes

Members Present:

Golda Vandiver
Patricia Dennis
Dee Larson
Rex Bruington

Cathy Smith (for Rochelle Hughes)
Gloria Bunnell (for DFortenberry)
Donna Burlingame
Lillie Smith

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Pat Donat

Cay Lollar

Guests Present:

Michael Burger
Rick Millikin
Youn Li

Holly Krogh
Dorothy Berglund

The Undergraduate Curriculum Council met on February 1, 2008, in the Welty Boardroom. The minutes of the January 18, 2008, meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Dee Larson recognized the welcome presence of Rex Bruington, returning after experiencing health problems prior to the last meeting.

University Administration Actions

Dr. Limbert approved the Council Actions from the January meeting concerning the following:

College of Arts & Sciences

1. Offer a New Course – EN 302 History and Structure of English Language
2. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 240 Ancient Greek and Roman Myth
3. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 321 Modern Poetry
4. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 322 Contemporary Poetry
5. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 330 Literature in Postcolonial World
6. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 430 History of the English Language
7. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 451 Chaucer
8. Delete an Existing Course -- EN 301 Introduction to Linguistics
9. Offer a New Course – EN 305 Advanced Grammar
10. Modify an Existing Curriculum -- English
11. Modify an Existing Course – COM 303 Images of Women in Film
 - a. Cross-list as WS 303

College of Education and Human Sciences

12. Modify an Existing Course – PSY 350 Psychology of Women
 - a. Cross-list as WS 352
13. Modify an Existing Course -- PSY 425 Gender Development
 - a. Cross-list as WS 425
14. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Psychology Curriculum
15. Modify an Existing Course – PSY 328 Adolescent Development

Culinary Arts Institute

16. Modify an Existing Curriculum -- Culinary Arts
17. Modify an Existing Course – ServSafe Certification

Honors College

18. Offer a New Course – HO 250 Great Books III: The Early Modern World
19. Offer a New Course – HO 252 Great Books IV: The Modern World

University Courses

20. Modify an Existing Course – CAAP Test
 - a. From UN 001
 - b. To UN 399

Council Actions for February 2008

College of Arts and Sciences

Michael Burger presented the following proposals for English:

1. Modify an Existing Course – HIS 324 Women in European History
 - a. Cross-list as WS 324
2. Modify an Existing Course -- HIS 326 Women in American History
 - b. Cross-list as WS 326
3. Modify an Existing Course -- REL 308 Western Women's Roles in Religion
 - c. Cross-list as WS 308
4. Modify an Existing Course -- BU 384 Strategies for the Managerial Woman
 - d. Cross-list as WS 384

Gloria Bunnell made the motion to accept the proposals as presented. These changes will increase the visibility of the Women's Studies courses and minor. Appropriate wording will be added to remind students and advisors that some majors will require the area course vs. the women's studies course. Patricia Dennis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

5. Modify an Existing Curriculum -- Women's Studies

Currently, the courses required for the Women's Studies minor come from several disciplines. Cross-listing the Women's Studies courses will increase the visibility of the courses being offered under the Women's Studies. In addition, the number of courses that can count toward the minor will be increased by adding PSY 425.

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Rex Bruington seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

College of Business

6. Proposal to Delete an Existing Course -- BU 463 Strategic Management
a. renumbered to BU 497.

7. Proposal to Delete an Existing Course -- BU 498 Organizational Behavior
a. renumbered to BU 382.

Gloria Bunnell made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Lillie Smith seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

8. Modify an Existing Course – BU 355 Business Finance

BU270 was inactivated and needed to be removed as a prerequisite. The new prerequisite will be BU 345 Advanced Statistical Analysis for Business. Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Rex Bruington seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

9. Information Item – Curriculum Requirements

Cay Lollar made the motion to support the College of Business in including a statement in the bulletin the requirement of the comprehensive exit exam in the Business Core. Rex Bruington seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

College of Education and Human Sciences

Golda Vandiver presented the following proposals for H&K:

10. Modify an Existing Course -- HK 316
 - a. From Practicum in Physical Education
 - b. To Practicum in Health & Kinesiology

Lillie Smith made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Golda Vandiver seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Youn Li, Dorothy Berglund and Richard Millikin presented the following proposals for Family Studies:

11. Inactivate an Existing Course – FS 103 Survey of Family Life

Both FS 103 and SOC 305 Marriage and Family are required courses for Family Studies majors and the content of FS 103 is similar to SOC 305. Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Rex Bruington seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

12. Offer a New Course – FS 203 Professional Issues in Family Studies

This course is needed to better prepare family studies students to become Certified Family Life Educators. The course description will be as follows: “This course provides the student with information about the foundations of the discipline, including history and mission; discusses the role of professionals in meeting the needs of individuals and families; introduces students to professional standards, ethics, and career opportunities in the field; and presents the current status of family studies and related disciplines.”

The pre-requisite will require manual checking of grade point average as banner will not recognize the pre-requisite. Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Rex Bruington seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

13. Offer a New Course – FS 290 Introduction to Research in Family Studies

This course is needed to ensure adequate preparation of family studies students for upper-level family studies and psychology courses. The course description will be as follows: “Prepares students to perform basic research skills, including locating and summarizing published research in family studies.” Gloria Bunnell made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Golda Vandiver seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

14. Modify an Existing Course – FS 330 Human Sexuality and Socialization

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the prerequisites must be passed with a C or better. This proposal added a new prerequisite, PSY 201, Introduction to APA Style. This will better prepare students to complete the writing requirements of the course. Donna Burlingame seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

15. Modify an Existing Course – SOC 305 Marriage and the Family
a. Crosslist as FS 305

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the prerequisites will be PSY 201 or Permission of the Department Chair and the prerequisites must be passed with a C or better. The original proposal had prerequisites to be PSY 201 for FS majors and SOC 201 for other majors. Since the prerequisites should be the same for all majors, the change mentioned above was adopted. Patricia Dennis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

16. Modify an Existing Course – FS 382 Theories in Family Studies

Dee Larson made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the prerequisites must be passed with a C or better. The prerequisites for this course will change. FS 103 will be deleted and PSY 201, FS/SOC 305, and FS 290 will be added. This will better prepare students for the upper level FS courses. Lillie Smith seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

17. Modify an Existing Course – FS 401 Families and Public Policy

Gloria Bunnell made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the prerequisites must be passed with a C or better. The prerequisites for this course will change. The new prerequisites will be SOC 305 and PSY 201. FS 103 was a prerequisite. This course has been deleted and must be removed as a prerequisite. Golda Vandiver seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

18. Delete an Existing Course – FS 402 Professional Seminar in Family Studies

Lillie Smith made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. The material in FS 402 will be covered at a lower level of comprehension in FS 203. Patricia Dennis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

19. Modify an Existing Course – FS 421 Adult Development

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the prerequisites must be passed with a C or better. The new prerequisites will be PSY 201 and 206. This will help to improve reading and writing abilities of upper level students. Donna Burlingame seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

20. Modify an Existing Course – FS 465 Program Planning and Evaluation

Lillie Smith made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the prerequisites must be passed with a C or better. FS 103 will be deleted as a prerequisite for FS 465 because FS 103 is no longer a course offered in Family Studies. Gloria Vandiver seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

21. Modify an Existing Course – FS 468 Parenting in Contemporary Society

Donna Burlingame made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. The new prerequisites will be PSY 201, PSY 206, FS 290, and FS/SOC 305. This change will better prepare students for upper level FS courses, help them meet the QPA requirements to be eligible to take FS 499 and to better prepare them to meet NCFR certification standards. Patricia Dennis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

22. Delete an Existing Course – FS 205 Child Growth and Development

This was a proposal from November that was tabled due to possible issues with articulation agreements. Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Patricia Dennis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

23. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Family Studies

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the term QPA will be replaced with GPA and it will be clearly stated that the GPA of 2.5 in the major must be earned. In addition, a statement will be added to the catalog description that states “students must have completed all prerequisites for the upper level courses with a grade of C or better.” The purpose of this proposal was to ensure the quality of the program and to follow guidelines of the National Council on Family Relations for the Certified Family Life Educator program. A grade of C or higher will be required in each course required for the family studies major. Gloria Bunnell seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

24. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Family Studies major

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal with the following changes: the statement at the end of the curriculum as it will appear in the Bulletin will be removed. There will be no need for the statement about the program exceeding 124 hours because it does not exceed that limit. This proposal was necessary to reflect current changes to required courses for the family studies major. Gloria Bunnell seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

25. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Family Studies minor

Cay Lollar made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. This proposal was necessary to reflect current changes to required courses for the family studies minor. Patricia Dennis seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

26. Modify an Existing Curriculum – Family Studies teacher certification

The proposal to modify an existing curriculum, Family Studies teacher certification, was NOT approved by the UCC. This proposal was needed to reflect the current modification of existing curriculum for B.S. in Family Studies General Major and to support the Teacher Certification accreditation by adding the course that Mississippi State Education requires for the teacher certification. In the process of reviewing the proposal, the UCC determined the major was comprised of more than 124 credit hours. Therefore, the UCC did not approve the proposal for the following reasons:

- a. There is an IHL mandate that limits the credit hours to 124. This major exceeds that limit.
- b. The Family Studies representatives stated there are currently no qualified instructors for this program. The UCC has concerns that students are being admitted into a program that lacks qualified instructors.
- c. There was a concern over the historical legacy of the field of Family Studies. MUW started out with a focus in this area.
- d. The UCC felt this must be addressed immediately because the date for changes to the new catalog is near. The program cannot be published as it is currently because it is above the 124 credit hour limit.

Old Business

Pat Donat will rewrite the template for new course proposals to include student outcomes.

A subcommittee comprised of Dee Dee Larson, Donna Burlingame, and Dionne Fortenberry have been researching the issue of having a "curriculum map" included in the required elements for a proposal. This will allow the UCC to adequately review the individual proposals and better understand how the proposals fit into the overall curriculum plan for each department. This subcommittee will make a presentation to the UCC at the next meeting.

New Business

Adjournment

Dee Larson adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 7, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Welty Board Room.