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To: Dr. Scott Tollison
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From: Bob Sample, Ph.D.
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Council

Date: 14 October 2024

Re: UCC Curricular Recommendations

Approved MRM 10/21/24
Recommend for Approval CST 10/17/24

On October 4th, 2024, the Undergraduate Curriculum Council met and reviewed proposals submitted by the College of Arts and Science and the College of Nursing and Speech Language Pathology. UCC took the following actions:

**College of Arts and Sciences:**

1. **Add a New Course – SM 199 – Special Topics in Sciences and Mathematics**
   **Description:**
   The proposal seeks to create a survey course on science and/or mathematics topics selected by the instructor. A laboratory component may be included at the instructor's discretion. May be repeated with change in content.
   **Rationale:**
   Occasionally we have faculty, or potential adjunct faculty, who have an area of expertise in a science topic not covered by our current biology, chemistry, physics, or mathematics offerings. This course will allow them to offer an introductory survey course to our students. The topic being offered may lend itself to a lab, or it may not. So, whether a lab component is part of the will be up to the individual instructor. When there is no lab, the course will be worth 3 credit-hours. If there is a lab, it will be worth 4 credit-hours.
   **Outcome:**
   The UCC approved this proposal unanimously.

**College of Nursing and Speech Language Pathology:**

2. **Create a New Certificate Program – Clinical Preceptor Certificate**
   **Description:**
   This certificate will not only prepare and guide nursing preceptors, but it will solidify to their clinical organization and other nursing programs that they have been equipped with the skills necessary for the preceptor assignment.
   **Rationale:**
   At the request of Baptist Health Systems as a way to incentivize practicing nurses and increase their position on the clinical ladder. This was also requested by faculty as a means to determine those preceptors having proper training and those needing more. Also, this is needed at the state level for nursing, and this provides a measure for credentialing.
   **Outcome:**
   The UCC approved this proposal unanimously.

**The next UCC meeting will be Friday, November 1st at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.**