MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2017, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Location: Gardiner Hall 230
Present: Matt Church, Christine Ehrick, Paul Himes, Changbing Hu, Dwain Pruitt, Edna Ross
Absent: Simona Bertacco, William Cunningham
Guests: Lluis Baixauli-Olmos (CML), Alan Leidner (CML), Rodger Payne (POLS), David Simpson (UPA), Jonetta Weber (SOC)

The meeting was convened at 2:06 PM.

The committee approved the minutes of the November 11, 2016, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

77-16F: The Curriculum Committee APPROVED the Department of Sociology’s request to change SOC 360’s title, course number, prerequisites and to give the course a CUE designation. SOC 360 will be renumbered as SOC 435. Its new title will be “Medicine, Health, and Illness—CUE” and its new prerequisites will be successful completion of SOC 201 and 323, 9 hours of social science course work at the 300+-level or permission of the instructor.

78-16F: The committee APPROVED changing SOC 374’s title to “Money, Economics, and Society.”

79-16F: The committee APPROVED granting CUE status to SOC 400, “Independent Study.” The course’s official title will be changed to “Independent Study—CUE.”

80-16F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of SOC 401, “Internship in Sociology.” With its deletion, students pursuing the BS in Sociology will be required to take SOC 405.

81-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 406 as a CUE course. Its title will be changed to “Applied Sociology—CUE” to reflect this change.

82-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 410 as a CUE course. It also APPROVED changing the course’s prerequisites. Its new title will be “Sociology of Aging—CUE” and its new prerequisites will be completion of SOC 201 and 323, 9 hours of social science course work at the 300+-level or permission of the instructor.

83-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 415 as a CUE course. Its new title will be “Sociology of Death and Dying—CUE.”

84-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 425 as a CUE course. Its new title will be “Sociology of Leisure—CUE.”

85-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 440 as a CUE course. Its new title will be “The Health Care System—CUE.”

86-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 450 as a CUE course. Its new title will be “Special Topics in Sociology—CUE.”

87-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 454 as a WR and a CUE course. Its new title will be “Classes and Stratification—WR, CUE”
88-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 455 as a WR and a CUE course. Its new title will be “Occupations and Organizations—WR, CUE”

89-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 464 as a WR and a CUE course. Its new title will be “Race and Ethnicity—WR, CUE”

90-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 470 as a CUE course and corresponding changes to its current prerequisites. Its new title will be “Political Sociology—CUE” and its new prerequisites will be SOC 320, 9 hours at the 300+-level in one social science, or consent of the instructor.

91-16F: The committee APPROVED designating SOC 472 as a CUE course. Its new title will be “Sociology of Education—WR, CUE.”

92-16F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of SOC 490, “Topical Seminar.”

93-16F: The committee DEFERRED designating SOC 480 as a CUE course, pending submission of a revised syllabus. The committee agreed that the course does not seem to require enough synthetic work to be a CUE. Concerns were particularly focused on the fact that the final reflection paper is only worth 5% of the course grade.

94-16F-96-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of UPA 663, PLAN 663, and PADM 683, “Social Equity and the Public Sector.”

97-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of UPA 652, “Urbanism in the Global South: Cities and Space.” The course will be cross-listed with GEOG 510 and LALS 510.

98-16F: The committee APPROVED changing the cross-listing for GEOG 510 to reflect its cross-listing with UPA 652. Its description was also changed to reflect the new cross-listing.

99-16F: The committee APPROVED changing the cross-listing for LALS 510 to reflect its cross-listing with UPA 652. Its description was also changed to reflect the new cross-listing.

100-16F-102-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of PADM 664/PLAN 664/UPA 664, “Cultural Competency and Action.”

103-16F-104-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of UPA 650/PAWM 650, “Urban Policy and Administration.”

105-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of UPA 608, “Regression Analysis.”

106-16F: The committee DEFERRED approval of SUST 518, “Urban Demography and GIS,” pending final approval of the undergraduate SUST curriculum. The proposed course, if approved, will be cross-listed with PLAN 618.

107-16F: The Department of Sociology proposed changes to its master’s degree program. The proposed changes are intended to streamline time to completion and “require more quantitative and qualitative methods courses, and culminate in a 30-page article-length paper defended during the fourth semester.” The department proposed that several courses be renumbered from the 700-level to the 600-level “to better reflect the nature of the course” and that several courses be retitled to reflect the new curriculum. The proposed new curriculum was APPROVED by the committee and appears below.
The Department of Sociology further requested changes to its doctoral program to reflect national trends in graduate sociology education and to reflect changes to its master’s degree program. The proposed changes streamline time to completion, re-sequence the program, and reflect course renumbering/new titles. The new curriculum appears below and was APPROVED by the committee:

### Current MA in sociology

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Total hours for thesis option: 31 hours (13 hours core + 12 hours electives + 6 hours thesis)
Total hours for practicum option: 37 hours (13 hours core + 18 hours electives + 6 hours thesis/practicum)

### Proposed MA in applied sociology

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Total hours: 34 hours (28 hours core/electives + 6 hours research study)
(Total hours for students choosing to conduct practicum during research study hours: 40 hours (34 hours core/electives + 6 hours research study))
109-16F: The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 600 as SOC 695.

110-16F: The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 601 as SOC 691.

111-16F: The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 602 as SOC 690.

112-16F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of SOC 603, “Independent Study (Small-Scale Research Problem).”

113-16F: The committee APPROVED changing SOC 609’s title to “Statistics I.”

114-16F: The committee APPROVED changing SOC 610’s title to “Statistics II” and changing its description to reflect contemporary pedagogical approaches.

115-16F: The committee APPROVED changing SOC 615’s title to “Research Methods.”

116-16F: The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 616 as SOC 611. The department removed the cross-listing with PSYC 614 and changed the course’s prerequisites to SOC 610 and 615 or consent of instructor.

117-16F: The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 617 as SOC 750.

118-16F: The committee APPROVED changing SOC 618’s title to “Qualitative Research Methods.”
The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 619 as SOC 730.

The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 620 as SOC 735. The course’s title was changed to “Classical Theory” and its description was updated.

The committee APPROVED the addition of SOC 622, “Survey Research and Design.”

The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 625 as SOC 740.

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 630’s title to “Sociology of Education” and to removing its prerequisite.

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 616’s title to “Sociology of Human Sexuality.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 640’s title to “Urban Sociology.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 642’s title to “Sociology of Disabilities.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 650’s title to “Sociology of Families.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 660’s title to “Crime and Correction.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 670’s title to “Advanced Demography” and to removing outdated prerequisites of SOC 462 or 502.

The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 680 as SOC 760 and to changing its title to “Social Stratification.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 685’s title to “Race and Ethnicity.”

The committee APPROVED the addition of SOC 693, “Research Study Administration.”

The committee APPROVED changing SOC 706’s description, prerequisite, and grading system.

The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 710 as SOC 795 and changing its credit hours to 3 to 6 hours of variable credit.

The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 702 as SOC 790, changing its title to “Independent Study—PhD,” and changing its prerequisite to consent of Director of Graduate Studies.

The committee APPROVED renumbering SOC 720 as SOC 628 and removing SOC 620 as a course prerequisite.

The Department of Political Science proposed revising its Master of Arts program to include a new track in Digital Politics and to revise its curriculum so that graduate students complete 18 credit hours in common. The committee APPROVED the proposed revisions and the new track in Digital Politics, which are appended below:
**PROPOSED CHANGES TO CATALOG**

**Thesis Option (30 hours total)**

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138-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of POLS 507, “Topics in Digital Politics.”

139-16F: The committee APPROVED a Sustainability Course Attribute for POLS 426, “Environmental Policy.”

140-16F: The committee APPROVED changing PHYS 469’s prerequisite to require that students take PHYS 466 as a co-requisite.

141-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of BIOL 480, “Introduction to Immunology” but DEFERRED approval of requested WR status pending submission of a revised syllabus clarifying required student writing in the course.

142-16F: The committee APPROVED changing BIOL 485’s title to “Microbial Physiology–CUE,” changing its description, and updating its prerequisites to reflect the course’s actual pedagogical approaches and content.

143-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of TA 430, “Costume Craft.”

144-16F: The committee APPROVED the Department of English’s proposed change to its curriculum for the English Rhetoric and Composition Ph.D. program. The proposed change reduces the number of required credit hours by 6 credits.

145-16F: The committee APPROVED the addition of SPAN 570, “Basic Interpreting Skills.”

146-16F: The committee APPROVED changing SPAN 662’s title, description and prerequisite. Its new title will be “Educational and Social Service Interpreting” and its prerequisite will be SPAN/TRPR 661 or consent of the instructor.
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The committee APPROVED changing SPAN 667’s course description and prerequisite to SPAN/TRPR 661 or consent of the instructor.

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The committee APPROVED changing TRPR 670’s title, description and prerequisite. Its new title will be “Special Topics in Translation and Interpreting” and its prerequisite will be SPAN/TRPR 661 or consent of the instructor.

The committee APPROVED the addition of SPAN 680, “Independent Study.”

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Dwain C. Pruitt, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Governance
Prepared January 18, 2017
AGENDA

1) Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2016, Meeting
2) New Business (available on the Curriculum Committee’s Sharepoint site)
   • 77-16F: Change to SOC 360 (title, renumbered as SOC 435, prerequisites)
   • 78-16F: Change to SOC 374 (title)
   • 79-16F: Change to SOC 400 (description)
   • 80-16F: Deletion of SOC 401
   • 81-16F: Change to SOC 406 (title, CUE designation)
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   • 83-16F: Change to SOC 415 (title, CUE designation)
   • 84-16F: Change to SOC 425 (title, CUE designation)
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   • 90-16F: Change to SOC 470 (title, prerequisites, CUE designation)
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• 143-16F: Addition of TA 430, “Costume Craft”
• 144-16F: Proposed change to the Ph.D. program in English Rhetoric and Composition
• 145-16F: Addition of SPAN 570, “Basic Interpreting Skills”
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