

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2020, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

**Present:** Ray Chastain, Karen Christopher, Matt Church, Dwain Pruitt, Edna Ross, Karl Swinehart, Li Zeng

**Guests:** Judith Danovitch, John Ferré, Jordan Gabbard, Dawn Heinecken, Nick Paliewicz, Regina Roebuck, Cara Snyder, Deborah Yoder-Himes

The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM.

The committee approved the September 18, 2020, minutes unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**087-18F:** During the Fall 2018 semester, Political Science proposed the addition of POLS 360, "Global Politics through Film." The Curriculum Committee requested revisions to the submitted syllabus. The instructor's leave delayed submission of a revised syllabus. The committee **APPROVED** the revised syllabus and the course's addition to the Political Science course inventory.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**008-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies' proposed changes to the BA, BS, and 3+3 curricula. The department seeks to add 3 hours to its existing Women/Gender and Race requirement. This change will raise the total number of required hours in this category to six. To offset the addition of three hours in this category, WGST BA majors will now have to complete 6 or 9 hours in Humanities or Social Sciences electives, down from nine, depending on the chosen elective's division. BS majors will have to complete 6 to 9 hours of Humanities or Social Sciences electives, down from nine to twelve. Total required major hours will not be affected.

**009-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** WGST 302, "LGBTQ Applied Healthcare."

**010-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** changing ART 551's title from "Lighting and View Camera" to "Lighting."

**011-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** COMM 222, "American Media History." Communication is seeking a Cardinal Core SBH designation for the course. Submitted materials will be transmitted to the Cardinal Core Curriculum Committee (CCCC) for its review.

**012-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** ML 440, "Community Internship." This will give students the opportunity to take more language-related internships.

**013-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** ARAB 310, "Arabic Translation Studies."

**014-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** Classical and Modern Languages' requested Arabic minor revision. The revision adds ARAB 310 and ML 440 as elective options in the minor.

**015-20F and 016-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** GERM 280, "Culture of the German-Speaking World," as a permanent course cross-listed with ML 280. The CCCC approved ML 280 for AHD2, so the same Cardinal Core designation is sought for GERM 280.

**017-20F and 018-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** SPAN 260, “Cultures of Latin America,” as a permanent course cross-listed with ML 260. After Dr. Swinehart questioned the original course title’s appropriateness (“Introduction to Hispanic Cultures”), Classical and Modern Languages revised SPAN 260’s proposed course title and requested that ML 260’s title be changed as well. The CCCC approved ML 260 for AHD2, so the same Cardinal Core designation is sought for SPAN 260.

**019-20F and 020-20F:** The committee **DEFERRED** approval of SPAN 261, “Cultures of Spain.” The submitted syllabus did not have a course calendar. The instructor who prepared it is on leave and, therefore, unable to prepare revisions in time for the CCCC’s November deadline. CML withdrew the SPAN 261 proposal until a future date, eliminating the need to update ML 261’s cross-listing as requested in 020-20F.

**021-20F and 022-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** FREN 250, “Introduction to the French-Speaking World,” as a permanent course cross-listed with ML 250. The CCCC approved ML 250 for AHD2, so the same Cardinal Core designation is sought for FREN 250.

**023-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** SPAN 314, “Introduction to Afro-Caribbean Culture.”

**024-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** ML 330, “The Power of Language(s): Social, Political, and Cultural Dimensions.” This department seeks SBD2 designation from the CCCC.

**025-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** proposed revisions to the German minor. GERM 280/ML 280 and ML 330 are now German minor electives. The deleted courses indicated below will be removed as minor options when applicable.

**026-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** deletion of GERM 141, “Intensive German I.”

**027-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** deletion of GERM 142, “Intensive German II.”

**028-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** deletion of GERM 561, “Independent Study.”

**029-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** changing prerequisites for the undergraduate GERM 599, “Special Topics.” Enrollment will now require instructor permission.

**030-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** deleting the graduate version of GERM 599.

**031-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** deletion of GERM 680, “Seminar.”

**032-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** deletion of GERM 690, “Seminar.”

**033-20F:** The Department of Biology proposed a revision to its BIOL 244 lab. The two-credit BIOL 244 has a rather complicated prerequisite: “Successful completion of BIOL 240 and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in BIOL 242; or completion of BIOL 242 and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, BIOL 240.” As a result, BIOL 244 does not complement BIOL 240 or 242 directly; rather, it covers materials related to both courses that enrolled students may not have studied. Therefore, BIOL proposed to create BIOL 241 and BIOL 243. BIOL 241, “Experimental Biology I: Molecules and Cells,” would be the one-credit lab that complements BIOL 240. The committee **APPROVED** BIOL 241’s creation and will forward it to the CCCC for SL designation.

**034-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** BIOL 243, “Experimental Biology II: Organismal Biology,” as the one-credit lab that complements BIOL 242. This committee will forward BIOL 243 to the CCCC for SL designation.

**035-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences’ request to close its BA and online BA programs and to replace them with a revised BS program. Dr. Danovitch shared several reasons why the faculty is requesting these actions. The department wishes to offer a single PSYC degree to reduce confusion about degree requirements. Psychology wishes to affirm that it is a STEM discipline and that graduates with BS degrees tend to be more successful in graduate applications and in securing employment. Program faculty argue that the BA in Psychology limits student to 40 hours of PSYC courses, denying them the opportunity to take more advanced PSYC courses or to participate in research. The revised major would not eliminate any existing courses, so students currently pursuing the PSYC BA would be able to complete their degree program. The new unified PSYC degree would be as follows:

General education courses (to include Biology)	31 hours
A&S requirements, including: Foreign language (6-8 hours) Electives in Natural Sciences or Humanities 300+ (6 hours)	13-15 hours
<b>Psychology courses</b> <b>PSYC 201, 301, 302 (9 hours)</b> <b>4 Core courses: 305, 306, 307, 308 (12 hours)</b> <b>6 Electives at 300+ level (18 hours)</b> <b>CUE course (3 hours)</b>	<b>42 hours</b>
<b>Supporting courses</b> <b>4 300+ courses from any other social science or natural science department</b>	<b>12 hours</b>
Electives	21-23 hours
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121 hours</b>

Program closures and suspensions must be reviewed by the A&S Planning and Budget Committee and approved by the Faculty Assembly. The proposal will be forwarded to Planning and Budget for its review.

**036-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** COMM 255, “Communication and Statistics.” Communication is seeking a QR designation, so the course proposal will be forwarded to the CCCC.

**037-20F:** The committee **APPROVED** WGST 204, “The Digital Get-Down: Feminism and the Internet.” WGST is seeking SBD2 designation for the course, so the proposal will be forwarded to the CCCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences  
Curriculum Committee  
October 23, 2020  
2:00-3:15 PM

**AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the September 18, 2020, Meeting
- 2) OLD BUSINESS:
  - 087-18F: Addition of POLS 360, “Global Politics through Film”
- 3) NEW BUSINESS:
  - 008-20F: Proposed changes to the WGST BA, BS, and BS 3+3 programs
  - 009-20F: Creation of WGST 302, “LGBTQ and Applied Healthcare”
  - 010-20F: Change to ART 551, “Lighting and View Camera” (title)
  - 011-20F: Creation of COMM 222, “American Media History” (Cardinal Core designation SBH)
  - 012-20F: Creation of ML 440, “Community Internship”
  - 013-20F: Creation of ARAB 310, “Arabic Translation Studies”
  - 014-20F: Proposed revision to the Arabic minor
  - 015-20F: Creation of GERM 280, “Culture of the German-Speaking World” (proposed cross-listed course for ML 280, Cardinal Core designation, AHD2)
  - 016-20F: Change to ML 280 (cross-listing)
  - 017-20F: Creation of SPAN 260, “Introduction to Hispanic Culture” (proposed cross-listed course for ML 260, Cardinal Core designation AHD2)
  - 018-20F: Change to ML 260 (cross-listing)
  - 019-20F: Creation of SPAN 261, “Cultures of Spain” (proposed cross-listed course for ML 261, Cardinal Core designation AHD2)
  - 020-20F: Change to ML 261 (cross-listing)
  - 021-20F: Creation of FREN 250, “Introduction to the French-Speaking World” (proposed cross-listed course for ML 250, Cardinal Core designation AHD2)
  - 022-20F: Change to ML 250 (cross-listing)
  - 023-20F: Creation of SPAN 314, “Introduction to Afro-Caribbean Culture”
  - 024-20F: Creation of ML 330, “The Power of Language(s): Social, Political, and Cultural Dimensions (Cardinal Core designation SBD2)
  - 025-20F: Proposed revision to the German minor

- 026-20F: Deletion of GERM 141, “Intensive German I”
- 027-20F: Deletion of GERM 142, “Intensive German II”
- 028-20F: Deletion of GERM 561, “Independent Study”
- 029-20F: Change to undergraduate GERM 599, “Special Topics” (prerequisite)
- 030-20F: Deletion of graduate GERM 599, “Special Topics”
- 031-20F: Deletion of GERM 680, “Seminar”
- 032-20F: Deletion of GERM 690, “Seminar”
- 033-20F: Creation of BIOL 241, “Experimental Biology I: Molecules and Cells” (Cardinal Core designation SL)
- 034-20F: Creation of BIOL 243, “Experimental Biology II: Organismal Biology” (Cardinal Core designation SL)
- 035-20F: Proposed revisions to the PSYC major (closure of BA and online BA in Psychology and creation of new BS and online BS degree programs)
- 036-20F: Creation of COMM 255, “Communication and Statistics” (Cardinal Core designation QR)
- 037-20F: Creation of WGST 204, “The Digital Get Down: Feminism and the Internet” (Cardinal Core designation SBD2)

