

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2021, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

**Present:** *Committee:* Raymond Chastain, Matthew Church, Paul Himes (Chair), Karl Swinehart, Laura Moyer, Edna Ross, Jason Sievers, and Li Zeng; *Guests:* Pamela Beattie, Theresa Berbet, Simona Bertacco, Mary Ann Carothers, Ying Kit Chan, Christopher Davis, John Ferre, Lauren Freeman, Linda Fuselier, John Gibson, Frank Goetzke, John Kielkopf, Kelly Kinahan, and Sonja Smith

The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM and approved the September 17, 2021, minutes.

Dr. Jason Sievers read the following changes into the minutes from the past month: Updated course description for ANTH 309: Sex, Gender and Culture; Changed credit hours from variable 1/3 to 3 only ART 512: Directed Study in Glass & ART 584: Directed Study in Fiber and Mixed Media Art; Updated notes for ART 351: Introduction to Black and White Photography; Updated course title for ARTH 347: Historic Interiors for Interior Design & SOC 203: Self and Society; Updated course title, semester offered, and updated description for ARTH 541: Theories & Methods in the Visual Arts & ARTH 642: Theories & Methods in the Visual Arts, Removed AH designation b/c the course has not been taught in three years, per Cardinal Core requirements. The department has been made aware of the removal for ENGL 290: Exploring Rhetoric, Writing, and Society; Changed the title and course description for HUM 105: Humanities in Global Cultures - AHD2 & ML 270: Tales of the Chinese Diaspora - AHD2; Renumbered MATH 560 to MATH 360: Statistical Data Analysis - WR; Changed course title to SOC 203: Self and Society.

**008-21F:** The committee decided November 12<sup>th</sup> was the next meeting date and Dr. Jason Sievers will send the committee a doodle pole to find a time.

**009-21F:** The committee discussed defining an online credit hour for the college and tasked Dr. Jason Sievers with reaching out to the A&S Departments and other colleges to gather information on what is already exists. All information will be placed in CardBox under the folder *Online Credit Information*.

**010-21F:** The committee voted (0 Approve- 7 Against- 0 Abstain) **AGAINST** suspending the BA in Comparative Humanities. Representatives (Drs. Pamela Beattie and Simona Bertacco) from the Department of Humanities gave a brief explanation of the Department's position on the suspension of the BA in Comparative Humanities and informed the committee the Department voted unanimously to not suspend the degree.

**011-21F:** The committee voted (6 Approve- 1 Against- 0 Abstain) and **APPROVED** suspending the BA in Art History and (7-0-0) **APPROVED** creating a BA in Art with a track in Art History and a track in Studio Art. Representative (Drs. Theresa Berbet, Mary Carothers, and Ying Chan) from the Department of Fine Arts gave a brief explanation of the suspension of the BA in Fine Arts and further explained that with the suspension, they are creating two tracks under the BA in Art. One track is Art History and they other is Studio Art.

**012-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** moving the MA in Applied Philosophy from the Graduate School to the Department of Philosophy. Representatives (Drs. John Gibson and Lauren

Freeman) explained to the committee the reasoning and history behind the move of the MA in Applied Philosophy from the Graduate School to the Department of Philosophy.

**013-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** adding a Computational Physics and Data Science track in Physics BS degree program and voted and **APPROVED** the course change for PHYS 565.

**014-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** the change of the GPA minimum from 2.75 to 2.00 for admission into the Liberal Studies program. Dr. Linda Fuselier on behalf of John Hale explained the reason why changing the minimum GPA admission requirement from 2.75 to 2.00 would benefit the Liberal Studies program and the College as a whole.

**015-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** the new course: URBS 303 Quantitative Research Methods in Sustainability and Urban Studies - QR.

**016-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** the course change for SOC 435: Sociology of Health and Illness - CUE. The description of the change is exchanging the prerequisite of SOC 323 to SOC 342 Medical Sociology, so it will read: "SOC 201 and 342, or 9 hours at 300+ level in one social science, or consent of instructor."

**017-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** the new courses: ML 261 and SPAN 261 which are cross listed.

**018-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** the new courses: ITP 115 and ASL 115 which are cross listed.

**019-21F:** The committee voted and **APPROVED** moving the vote online for the *proposed new courses*: COMM 215: *Communication, Identity, and Power* & COMM 255: *Communication and Statistics* as they will need to go to the Cardinal Core Committee. Dr. Jason Sievers will send the committee the vote electronically and will give the results at the next Curriculum meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Items moved to the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting are 016-21F: Proposed new course: SOC 206: Social Justice-SBD1 and 020-21F: Proposed Accelerated Master of Urban Planning

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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College of Arts and Sciences  
Curriculum Committee  
October 22, 2021  
2:00 PM-3:15 PM

**AGENDA**

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 17, 2021, Meeting

2) NEW BUSINESS

008-21F: Discussion about changing November's meeting (November 19<sup>th</sup>) same day as Faculty Assembly

009-21F: Discussion of defining an online credit hour

010-21F: Suspending the BA in Comparative Humanities

011-21F: Suspending the BA in Art History and Proposed BA in Art with a track in Art History and a track in Studio Art

012-21F: Proposed MA in Applied Philosophy move from Graduate School to Department of Philosophy

013-21F: Proposed addition of a Computational Physics and Data Science track in Physics BS degree program and Course Change Request: Phys. 565

014-21F: Proposed GPA change for Liberal Studies

015-21F: Proposed new course: URBS 303 Quantitative Research Methods in Sustainability and Urban Studies - QR

016-21F: Proposed new course: SOC 206: Social Justice-SBD1 & Course Change Request: SOC 435: Sociology of Health and Illness - CUE

017-21F: Proposed new course: ML 261: Cultures of Spain - AHD2, Cross listed with SPAN 261

018-21F: Proposed cross course ITP 115: Introduction to Deaf Culture - SBD1, Cross listed with new course ASL 115: Introduction to Deaf Culture - SBD1

019-21F: Proposed new courses: COMM 215: Communication, Identity, and Power & COMM 255: Communication and Statistics

020-21F: Proposed Accelerated Master of Urban Planning