

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 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:* Chris Davis, Christopher Day, Timothy Dowling, Deborah Yoder-Himes

The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM.

Dr. Jason Sievers introduced himself and informed the committee that he has taken over Dr. Dwain Pruitt's role as the Dean's Liaison to the committee. After which the committee introduced themselves. Dr. Edna Ross informed the committee she is rotating off at the end of this academic year.

The committee approved the August 19, 2021, minutes and moved on to new business.

Dr. Jason Sievers read the following changes into the minutes from the past month: Changed ENGL 305 to indicate the course can be taken twice for credit in the English major if each course focuses on a different genre or topic. Added Special Topics to ENGL 504 to allow students to take the course twice to fulfill a requirement in the Creative Writing track of the English major if they choose two different genres or topics. Changed title for BIOL640 to Advanced Metabolic Biochemistry to avoid confusion. Corrected the designation for PHIL 691 from independent study to seminar. Changed course enrollment for ARAB 201 and FREN 328 from 24 to 15 based on enrollment trends. Changed the offering of PHYS 518 from Spring Only to Spring Even Years and PHYS 517 Fall Only to Spring Odd Years and added Sustainability Related designation.

**001-21F:** The committee **APPROVED** the Biology BA and Sullivan PharmD curriculum change that will allow Biology majors at UofL to finish their final year of coursework for their BA degree in concurrence with their first year of PharmD at Sullivan. Committee has asked for the rationale for the exception and expressed their concern about granting the exception now and how it will affect future requests.

**002-21F:** The committee **APPROVED** the CUE syllabus language after adding additional language "*approved majors*" and "*or permission from the department*" in the sentence "A CUE is an activity, experience and/or course intended for approved majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status or permission from the department." The final version is:

*CUE - This course fulfills the Department of X's Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement. A CUE is an activity, experience and/or course intended for approved majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status or permission from the department. CUE courses address current issues, problems, or concerns relevant to the field or discipline. Students in CUE courses will be expected to apply knowledge and skills learned throughout their undergraduate career to demonstrate a mastery of content in the major and to apply critical thinking skills to accumulated content and experience.*

**003-21F:** The committee **APPROVED** the Accelerated Master's Degree in Applied Geography. The committee wanted to know how the credit hours are counted (undergraduate or graduate) in these types of programs.

**004-21F:** Dr. Tim Dowling presented on the revisions to the Bachelor of Arts in Physics degree and the committee **APPROVED** the revisions.

**005-21F, 006-21F, and 007-21F:** The committee voted at one time and **APPROVED** the New Course Proposal for PHYS 275 (with a request to have the syllabus returned to the department to have language added in the **Required Text** section before moving to the next level); the Course Reactivation for PHYS 375; and the New Course Proposal for PHYS 475.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences  
Curriculum Committee  
September 17, 2021  
2:00 PM-3:15 PM

**AGENDA**

1) WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. August 19, 2021, Meeting

3) NEW BUSINESS:

- 001-21F: Proposed BIOL BA and Sullivan Pharm D articulation proposal
- 002-21F: Proposed CUE syllabus language
- 003-21F: Proposed Geo Accelerated BS-MS Proposal
- 004-21F: Proposed revision of its Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Physics degree
- 005-21F: New Course Proposal for PHYS 275 Introduction to Scientific Computing and Data Analysis
- 006-21F: Course Reactivation for PHYS 375 Intermediate Scientific Computing and Data Analysis
- 007-21F: New Course Proposal for PHYS 475 Machine Learning in the Physical Sciences