

MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
December 5, 2023
MINUTES

Committee: Present: Anne Caldwell, Matt Church, Jordan Gabbard, Paul Himes, Lenore Hoyt, Gregory Hutcheson, Dana Seay, and Jason Sievers; *Guests:* Jonathan Haws, Kandi Walker, Avery Kolers, Theresa Berbet, Shira Rabin, Marc Tamarit-Galdon, Donald Biddle, Jonetta Weber, Frank Kelderman, Karen Chandler, Kristopher Grady

The meeting was convened at 9:30 AM and the November 10, 2023, minutes were approved.

Dr. Jason Sievers informed the Committee of the Curriculum changes since November 10th.

OLD BUSINESS

004-23F – The Committee POSTPONED the vote for the proposed suspension of the Graduate Certificate Program in Asian Studies until the January 12th meeting to give Drs. Kristopher Grady and Shiping Hua additional time to update the proposed suspension letter. *Next Steps: Roll back proposal.*

012-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new minor: Political Marketing Minor. Dr. Kristopher Grady informed the Committee the minor will be housed in the College of Business and would use existing curriculum. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

NEW BUSINESS

021-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new program: Political Science (BA) new 3+3 path to Law School. Dr. Kristopher Grady informed the Committee the 3+3 plan maintains the curriculum of the POLS-BA degree and substitutes the last 30 hours of the undergraduate general electives with 30 hours from the Brandeis School of Law. Students earn an undergraduate degree after their first year of law school and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree two years later. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

022-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program change to the English Rhetoric and Composition (PhD). Dr. Karen Chandler informed the committee the program is reducing the credit hours of the program to make the program's curriculum clearer to students and prevent misinterpretation of program requirements. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

023-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: ENGL 314: Literature and Medicine. Dr. Karen Chandler informed the Committee the course is intended to help students examine the relationship between literature and medicine, with a special emphasis on the question of how we individually and collectively narrate our experiences of and with illness. In addition, the course is designed especially for students in pre-health academic tracks. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

024-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program changes to the Geospatial Technologies, Applied (CERT). Dr. Donald Biddle informed the Committee the program is reducing the credit hours to be more competitive with leading certificate programs. This change will make the total cost of the certificate program more affordable for prospective students as well providing for program completion in a shorter time frame. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

025-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed change to SPAN 370: Introduction to Medical Interpreting. Dr. Marc Tamarit-Galdon informed the Committee the course offers an introduction to both the theoretical and practical side of medical interpreting. In the course, students will become familiarized with the basics of interpreting—such as interpreting modes, roles, contexts, and ethics—, medical interpreting and medical topics, including an overview of anatomy and bodily systems, and the settings and conditions of medical interpreting work. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

026-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: SPAN 470: Advanced Medical Interpreting. Dr. Marc Tamarit-Galdon informed the Committee the course provides a more advanced interpreting practice in various medical contexts, focusing on cognitive processes associated with interpreting, memory skills, note-taking, self-monitoring, professional identity, professional development, employment opportunities, medical terminology, and certification. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

027-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new minor: Sport Media. Dr. Kandi Walker informed the Committee the proposed 21 -hour minor in Sport Media would create a pipeline of internships and practical learning opportunities for both SPAD and Communication students with both UofL athletics (i.e., sports information) and other sport entities (ACC Network/ESPN, Lou City & Racing Louisville, Louisville Bats, etc.). It will also introduce students to content in both communication and sport administration, which would encourage students to pursue master's degrees in either discipline, thereby building an education pipeline for both SPAD and Communication. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

028-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: COMM 351: Introduction to Sport Media. Dr. Kandi Walker informed the Committee the new course supports an upcoming Sport Media Minor housed jointly in Communication and SPAD. It will focus on mediated messages surrounding sports and their capacity to shape our ideas, behaviors, and institutions. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

029-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: COMM 615: Foundations of Communication Research Design. Dr. Kandi Walker informed the Committee the course has been identified as solving a gap in the between the program's traditional communication theory courses and their methods courses. A space for foundations is necessary for preparing their MA students for independent research. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

030-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program changes to Sociology (BS). Dr. Jonetta Weber informed the Committee the BS in Sociology program is adding an online delivery to their existing face-to-face program. The online BA in sociology was implemented in 18F, and our enrollments in the online program have gone from six in its first year (comprising 8% of total BA students in sociology) to 22 last fall (comprising 26% of total BA students in sociology). Although our current BS students have averaged about 21% of our total majors in the past three years, we anticipate an increase in online BS students, particularly among part-time students just as we experienced in the BA program when the online option was made available. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

031-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program changes to Sociology (BA). Dr. Jonetta Weber informed the Committee the program is adding a fourth SLO while also eliminating the accelerated master's program. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

032-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program changes to Sociology (MA). Dr. Jonetta Weber informed the Committee the program is removing the accelerated master's program as it is no longer a viable program given the curriculum changes to the master's program in recent years. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

033-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: SOC 467: Immigrants and Identity-CUE. Dr. Jonetta Weber informed the Committee the course will introduce students to sociological concepts, theories, and research exploring the complex links between identity formation and negotiation and racial, ethnic, and other social status is affecting immigrants, refugees, and their children. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

034-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: SOC 332: Japanese Families. Dr. Jonetta Weber informed the Committee this course will explore how different or similar Japanese and US families are regarding each topic we cover and gain a deeper understanding of family dynamics. It provides an overview of contemporary Japanese families covering topics such as singlehood, marriage, divorce, parenting, and family elderly care; and will use a multi-disciplinary approach (e.g., sociology, demography, anthropology, and psychology). *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

035-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new concentration for Applied Philosophy (MA). Dr. Avery Kolers informed the Committee the program is adding a new concentration in Practical & Applied Philosophy. Students will now have two options for the degree in Applied Philosophy. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

036-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: PHIL 327: Philosophy of Disability. Dr. Avery Kolers informed the Committee the This course addressed to a growing area of philosophical investigation and will be a core course in the new Disability Studies minor. It examines how disability challenges traditional views in philosophy, questions assumptions regarding “normality,” and opens new areas for ethical, social, and political thought. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

037-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: PHIL 427/PHIL 627: Philosophy and the Environment. Dr. Avery Kolers informed the Committee the program is filling out their graduate curriculum with applied ethics courses while also strengthening their undergraduate curriculum. They have had trouble filling the 300-level environmental ethics class, so raising the level and making it available to graduate students will help them offer it regularly. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

038-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed course level change: PHIL 458/PHIL 658: Mind and Brain: Introduction to Cognitive Science. Dr. Avery Kolers informed the Committee the current course is too technical at the 300 level and by moving it to the 400 level allows them to add a prerequisite and pitch it more effectively. It also allows them to cross-list it with its 600-level counterpart, strengthening both our graduate and undergraduate programs. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

039-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: PHIL 459/PHIL 659: Philosophy of Technology. Dr. Avery Kolers informed the Committee the course will fill a gap in their curriculum. By setting it at the 400 level they can set a prerequisite and cross-list it with a 600-level course so that it both fills out our graduate Applied Philosophy curriculum while also strengthening our undergraduate curriculum. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

040-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: PHIL 630: Proseminar in Applied Philosophy. Dr. Avery Kolers informed the Committee this course is to support their new concentration in Practical & Applied Philosophy within our Applied Philosophy MA. To support this concentration, the program will alternate the existing Health Care Ethics proseminar (PHIL/BETH 680) with the new Applied Philosophy proseminar, giving all students in both concentrations a shared experience of being a cohort together and an immersion in the distinctive methods of applied philosophy. This will build the rigor of and community within the graduate program. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

041-23F – The Committee POSTPONED the proposed new accelerated program for Anthropology (BS/MA) to January. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the Department of Anthropology is proposing a new accelerated degree program to parallel their existing BA/MA program. The Committee discussed the flight plan with Dr. Haws and asked that the program provides the fifth-year flight plan. *Next Step: Roll back to Department.*

042-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: ANTH 356: Dental Anthropology. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the program has offered this course twice with a special topics number and its success warrants a new course ID. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

043-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: ANTH 384/ANTH 584: Anthropology of Death. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the program is wanting to diversify their course offerings. This course will allow students to learn how anthropologists employ theory, methods, and data to understand past and present societies through their treatment of the dead. It will allow students to learn how death is fundamentally transformative—how it physically transforms human landscapes, how its inevitability transforms societies, and how its passage transforms populations directly and indirectly affected. *Next Step: Cross list ANTH 384 with ANTH 584 and then Approve to Bob Goldstein.*

044-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: ANTH 536: The American South: History, Culture, Political Economy. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the program is wanting to diversify their course offerings. This course examines anthropological literature of the American South focusing on its history and the intersection of race, class and political economy through time and space. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

045-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: ANTH 682/ANTH 582: Kentucky Archaeology. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the program is wanting to diversify their course offerings. This course introduces students to the archaeology of Kentucky with a focus on the precontact record. *Next Step: Cross list ANTH 582 with ANTH 682 and then Approve to Bob Goldstein.*

046-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: ANTH 683/ANTH 583: Who Owns the Past?. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the program is wanting to diversify their course offerings. This course explores the complexity of how the past and cultural heritage are used in political, professional, and everyday contexts, focusing on archaeological case studies from the 19th-21st Centuries. *Next Step: Cross list ANTH 583 with ANTH 683 and then Approve to Bob Goldstein.*

047-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program changes to Art (Creative) and Art History (MA). Theresa Berbet informed the Committee the Department is adding an accelerated BA/MA in Critical and Curatorial Studies program. They are proposing an identically structured as their BA in Art, track in Art History, and MA in Art, track in Critical and Curatorial Studies. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

048-23F – The Committee APPROVED the proposed addition of Biomedical track to Biology (BS). Drs. Linda Fuselier and Shira Rabin informed the Committee the program is adding a track to appeal to students interested in medical, dental, and other pre-professional schools, as well as students who are interested in human biology. For this new track, called Biomedical Sciences, students will choose from a curated list of human and medically relevant electives in the Biology Department and from other A&S departments and Units. *Next Step: Approved to Bob Goldstein.*

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences
Curriculum and Standards Committee
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MS TEAMS

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