

## MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

January 12, 2024

### MINUTES

*Committee: Present:* Matt Church, Jordan Gabbard, Beverly Granger, Paul Himes, Gregory Hutcheson, Dana Seay, and Jason Sievers; *Guests:* Shiping Hua, Nicholas Paliewicz, Kim Hendricks, Sarah Strickley, Joe Grant, Chakram Jayanthi, Jonh Haws, Nelson Lopez, Pamela Beattie, Christopher Reitz

The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM and Dr. Jason Sievers informed the Committee the minutes of December 5, 2023, and January 12, 2024 minutes will be voted on at the February meet. In addition, he asked the Committee if they had any questions of the curriculum changes since December 5<sup>th</sup> which there was none.

#### OLD BUSINESS

004-23F - The Committee REJECTED the proposed suspension of the Graduate Certificate Program in Asian Studies and APPROVED a one-year extension to allow the program to establish a plan to increase enrollment. Dr. Shiping Hua informed the Committee the Graduate Certificate in Asian Studies does not cost the college resources. The Committee brainstormed with Dr. Hua about reaching out to the Speed School and Business for possible enrollments. Also, to have the 20 affiliated faculty within the AST program talk with their students about adding the AST graduate certificate. *Next Steps: Postpone the vote until January 2025.*

041-23F - The Committee APPROVED the proposed new accelerated program for Anthropology (BS): BSMA. The vote was postponed allowing the program to add a fifth year to the flight plan. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee that the students would take nine hours to count towards the MA. This includes two 500-level electives and ANTH 612 in their senior year. In year five (semester 1), the students will take ANTH 608 plus two 500-600 level electives. In semester two of their fifth year, the students would choose one of ANTH 609, 610, or 611, plus a 600-level elective, and either ANTH 670 or elective. The students would still have six hours of thesis or internship (either 672, or 673, depending on track) which would be Year six (semester 1). *Next Steps: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

049-24S - The Committee APPROVED the proposed course change of ANTH 510: Methods in Biological Anthropology - WR. Dr. Johnathan Haws informed the Committee the program wants to allow students from other disciplines to take the course. In doing so, they removed the prerequisites. The Committee discussed the rigor of 500 level courses not having prerequisites (also a concern with Vice Provost Bob Goldstein). Instead of removing the prerequisites, the Committee agreed with adding the passage: or Junior Standing. Dr. Jason Sievers will add this passage. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

050-24S - The Committee APPROVED the proposed new minor: Criminal Justice. Kim Hendricks informed the Committee that the minor allows students a flexible way to diversify their academic portfolio. A criminal justice minor also allows students to satisfy intellectual curiosity, complement their major with distinct but related subject matter and provides an additional credential when seeking employment. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

051-24S - The Committee APPROVED the proposed new minor: Interdisciplinary Computational Sciences. Dr. Chakram Jayanthi informed the Committee the program focuses on computational science topics in physics, chemistry, and biology that rely on modern computer programming languages, numerical algorithms, and the basics of linear algebra, differential equations, and partial differential equations to perform computational modeling in physical, chemical, and biological sciences. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

052-24S - The Committee APPROVED the proposed new minor: Interdisciplinary Data Science. Dr. Chakram Jayanthi informed the Committee the program combines foundational knowledge in statistics, scientific programming, and data science applications in astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

053-24S – The Committee APPROVED the proposed program change to the MA in Communication. Dr. Nicholas Paliewicz informed the Committee the program is decreasing the total required credit hours to stay competitive with benchmark schools. Based on their research, 37 required credit hours exceeds many Communication MA programs including local competitors, Bellarmine and Spalding. They hope this change will increase enrollment. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

054-24S – The Committee APPROVED the proposed dual degree in Humanities: HUM PHD/HCE MA. Dr. Pamela Beattie informed the Committee the proposed dual degree develops out of the current collaboration between the two programs and is meant to offer Humanities doctoral students and Applied Philosophy students the possibility to pursue their interest in Medical Humanities at the doctoral level. She further explained this collaboration is essential and comes at a time when universities across the country must envision new ways of working and teaching. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

055-24S – The Committee APPROVED the proposed removal of two-year requirement for the General Studies BS program. Dr. Joseph Grant informed the Committee the proposed change is at the request of Dean Touron. The two-year requirement delays and detracts from adult learners' ability to enter the program and inhibits the program's future growth. *Next Step: Forward to Bob Goldstein.*

056-24S – The Committee APPROVED the proposed course changes for ARTH 325: Art Since 1945 – WR. Dr. Chris Reitz informed the committee the course meets the requirements for being offered as a WR course. *Next Step: Dr. Reitz to send updated syllabus to Dr. Sievers who will attach it to the proposal. After which Dr. Sievers will forward the proposal to Bob Goldstein.*

057-24S – The Committee APPROVED the proposed course changes for ARTH 541: Theories & Methods in the Visual Arts – WR. Dr. Chris Reitz informed the committee the course meets the requirements for being offered as a WR course. *Next Step: Dr. Reitz to send updated syllabus to Dr. Sievers who will attach it to the proposal. After which Dr. Sievers will forward the proposal to Bob Goldstein.*

The Committee APPROVED the following ENGL proposed course changes. Dr. Sarah Strickley informed the committee the courses meet the requirements for being offered as WR courses. *Next Step: Forward all four courses to Bob Goldstein.*

- 058-24S Proposed Course Changes: ENGL 405: Special Topics: Editing, Publishing, and Document Design – WR
- 059-24S Proposed Course Changes: ENGL 407: Special Topics: Writing for Social Change - WR
- 060-24S Proposed Course Changes: ENGL 480: Special Topics: Digital and Visual Composition – WR
- 061-24S Proposed Course Changes: ENGL 509: Special Topics: Special Topics Writing - WR

062-24S – The Committee APPROVED the proposed new course: SPAN 303: Spanish for Healthcare. Nelson Lopez informed the Committee the purpose of the course is to explore medical Spanish, basic health care, and Hispanic cultural norms and values, social determinants of health, and economic, political, and social issues. This is to prepare students for potential work with Spanish-speaking patients in medicine, nursing, social work, translation/interpretation, or other mental health settings.

## DISCUSSION

The discussion of the PLA Credit limits was postponed to the February meeting due to time constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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College of Arts and Sciences  
Curriculum and Standards Committee  
January 12, 2023  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
MS TEAMS

**AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December and January Curriculum Committee meetings minutes will be approved at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Review curriculum changes since December 5<sup>th</sup> (APPENDIX A)

OLD BUSINESS

- 004-23F Suspending the Graduate Certificate in Asian Studies
- 041-23F Proposed new accelerated program for Anthropology (BS): BSMA

NEW BUSINESS

- 049-24S Propose Course Change: ANTH 510: Methods in Biological Anthropology – WR – Removal of Prerequisites
- 050-24S Proposed New Minor: Criminal Justice
- 051-24S Proposed New Minor: Interdisciplinary Computational Sciences
- 052-24S Proposed New Minor: Interdisciplinary Data Science
- 053-24S Proposed Program Change to the MA in Communication – Decreasing credit hours
- 054-24S Proposed Dual Degree in Humanities: HUM PHD/HCE MA
- 055-24S Proposed Program Change: General Studies – Removal of Two-Year Requirement
- 056-24S Proposed Course Changes: ARTH 325: Art Since 1945 - WR
- 057-24S Proposed Course Changes: ARTH 541: Theories & Methods in the Visual Arts - WR
- 058-24S Proposed Course Changes: ENGL 405: Special Topics: Editing, Publishing, and Document Design - WR
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- 061-24S Proposed Course Changes: ENGL 509: Special Topics: Special Topics Writing - WR
- 062-24S Proposed New Course: SPAN 303: Spanish for Healthcare

DISCUSSION

Discussion – Vice Provost, Beth Willey, is seeking guidance/input from A&S Curriculum regarding the awarding of PLA credit (e.g. BS General Studies program).