

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2018, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Location: Gardiner Hall 230

Present: Matt Church, Christine Ehrick, Paul Himes, Jennifer Mansfield-Jones, Dwain Pruitt

Absent: Maryam Moazzen, Regina Roebuck, Edna Ross

The meeting was convened at 2:01 PM.

The committee approved the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

193-17F: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the French section's proposed revisions to the BA in French. The following changes will be applied beginning with the 2018-19 catalog:

- ML 250 will be added as a required supporting course.
- The number of required humanities electives will be reduced from 15 credits to 6 credits.
- Credit hours earned as free electives will increase from 14 to 23.

NEW BUSINESS:

001-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the addition of GEN 100, "Student Success Center Orientation." This course is specifically intended for undecided and pre-unit students and will be taught by staff in the Student Success Center. Students who complete this one-credit course will have satisfied the first-year student orientation requirement.

002-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following changes to the BA in Art History:

- Current catalog language indicates that majors must complete 12 hours of Art History electives. The new language specifies that 6 of these hours must be taken at the 300-level and that the other 6 hours must be earned at the 500-level.
- ARTH 541 has been added as a requirement.
- These changes raise the total number of required hours in the major to 33.

003-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following changes to the BA in Asian Studies:

- The total number of minimum elective hours required increased from 20 to 23.
- The total number of required hours in supporting courses consequently increased to 38.

004-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following changes to the BA in Biology:

- BIOL 409 has been added to the BIOL core curriculum. BIOL 409 is currently a CUE course, but may lose that designation at a future date.
- The total number of required BIOL elective hours will increase to 18.
- The minimum number of free electives will increase to 13.

005-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following changes to the BS in Biology:

- BIOL 409 has been added to the BIOL core curriculum in all tracks, raising the total number of required hours from 48 to 51.

- Ecology track: The ecology track will require BIOL 401, 562, and 563 for all students in the track. Students will then be required to select courses from three categories: Plant Ecology (300, 304, 435),¹ Animal Ecology (308, 310, 382, 514, 515, 571), and Community Ecology (372, 440, 560, 567). Students will take one course from each category and then will choose two more courses drawn from any of them categories. Finally, students in this track will have to complete an additional 6 hours of BIOL classes at the 300-level or above.
- Students in the Ecology track will also have to take TWO (2) of the following courses: CHEM 342 and 344; GEOS 301, 355, 363, 365, 367, 558; SUST 518.

006-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the proposed changes to the BA in Communication.

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase to 11, up from 8.

007-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the proposed changes to the BS in Communication.

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase from 6-8 to 9 to 11, raising the total number of required supporting course hours to 27-29, up from 24-26.

008-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to the BA in Pan-African Studies:

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase to 17 from 14. This increases the total number of required hours in supporting courses to 33-35.

009-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BS in Pan-African Studies:

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase from 12-14 to 15-17. This increases the total number of required hours in supporting courses to 32.

010-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to the BA in Physics:

- The number of required minimum elective hours will increase from 3 to 6.

011-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to all tracks in the BS in Physics

- The number of required minimum elective hours will increase from 9 to 14 to 12 to 17.

012-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to the BS in Atmospheric Science:

- The number of required minimum elective hours will increase from 7 to 9 to 10 to 12.

013-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Political Science:

- Increase the number of required elective hours from 14 to 17.

¹ BIOL 300, "Plant Biology-WR," and BIOL 435, "Chemical Ecology-WR," are new courses to be approved for this track.

014-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Political Science with a track in Applied Politics:

- Increase the number of required elective hours from 29 to 32.

015-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Political Science with a track in Global Politics and International Affairs:

- Increase the number of required elective hours from 29 to 32.

016-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Political Science with a track in Law and Public Policy:

- Increase the number of required elective hours from 12-14 to 15-17.

017-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Political Science with a track in Paralegal Studies:

- Increase the number of required elective hours from 2-4 to 5-7.

018-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Psychology.

- The Natural Science and Social Science tracks will be eliminated and replaced by a single BA.
- The current requirement that students select four courses from among PSYC 313, 321, 322, 331, 344, 363 or 365, 372, 375, 385 will be replaced by the requirement that all students complete PSYC 305, 306, 307 and 308.
- The number of required PSYC electives will increase to 18, up from 15.
- The language used to describe the department's supporting social science courses requirement will be tweaked to read the students must complete a total of 12 hours of social science electives in two departments other than PSYC at the 300-level or above.
- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase from 11 to 17.

019-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the deletion of the Natural Sciences track in the BA in Psychology.

020-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BS in Psychology:

- The current requirement that students select four courses from among PSYC 313, 321, 322, 331, 344, 363 or 365, 372, 375, 385 will be replaced by the requirement that all students complete PSYC 305, 306, 307 and 308.
- The minimum number of required elective hours will decrease from 6-16 to 1-7.

021-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** changing the minor in Psychology. The requirement that students complete 9 hours chosen from PSYC 313, 321, 322, 331, 344, 363 or 365, 372, 375, 385 or 501 will be replaced with the requirement that students select three (3) of the following courses: PSYC 305, 306, 307, or 308.

022-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed changes to the BA in Women's and Gender Studies with a 3+3 track:

- The required number of elective hours in Women's and Gender Studies at the 300-level or above increased from 3 to 6.

023-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** following proposed change to the BA in Women's and Gender Studies:

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase to 8-14 from 5-11.

024-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to the BS in Women's and Gender Studies:

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase to 3-9 from 0-6.

025-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to the BA in Sustainability:

- The minimum number of required elective hours will increase from 11 to 14.

026-18S: The Curriculum Committee **APPROVED** the following proposed change to the BS in Theatre Arts:

- The number of required elective hours in the Humanities, other than Theatre Arts, will increase from 9 to 12.

027-18S: The committee **APPROVED** changing BIOL 485's title, description, and pre-requisite. The Department of Biology proposed that BIOL 485 be offered as a WR course. Its prerequisites have been streamlined to require only that a student have completed BIOL 357 or 540 or have the instructor's permission to register. The course's new title will be "Microbial Physiology-WR; CUE." Its new description will read: "An exploration of microbial cell biology and the processes, reactions, and energetics that support microbial life in a variety of circumstances. Includes discussions of how to modify those metabolic properties to meet new demands and conditions. A general understanding of the fundamental concepts of organic chemistry is strongly recommended."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences
Curriculum Committee
January 26, 2018
2:00-3:15 PM
Gardiner Hall 230

AGENDA

1) Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2017, Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- 193-17F: Proposed curricular changes to the French BA program

NEW BUSINESS:

- 001-18S: Addition of GEN 100, "Student Success Center Orientation"
- 002-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Art History (Cardinal Core)
- 003-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Asian Studies (Cardinal Core)
- 004-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Biology (Cardinal Core)
- 005-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BS in Biology (Cardinal Core)
- 006-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Communication (Cardinal Core)
- 007-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BS in Communication (Cardinal Core)
- 008-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Pan-African Studies (Cardinal Core)
- 009-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BS in Pan-African Studies (Cardinal Core)
- 010-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BA in Physics (Cardinal Core)
- 011-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BS in Physics (Cardinal Core)
- 012-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BS in Atmospheric Science (Cardinal Core)
- 013-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BA in Political Science (Cardinal Core)
- 014-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BA in Political Science with track in Applied Politics (Cardinal Core)
- 015-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BA in Political Science with track in Global Politics and International Affairs (Cardinal Core)
- 016-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BS in Political Science with track in Law and Public Policy (Cardinal Core)
- 017-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BS in Political Science with track in Paralegal Studies (Cardinal Core)
- 018-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BA in Psychology (Cardinal Core)
- 019-18S: Deletion of Psychology with Track in Natural Sciences (BA)
- 020-18S: Proposed curricular changes to the BS in Psychology
- 021-18S: Change to the PSYC minor

- 022-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Women's and Gender Studies with a 3+3 track (Cardinal Core)
- 023-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Women's and Gender Studies (Cardinal Core)
- 024-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BS in Women's and Gender Studies (Cardinal Core)
- 025-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BA in Sustainability (Cardinal Core)
- 026-18S: Proposed curricular changes to BS in Theatre Arts (Cardinal Core)
- 027-18S: Change to BIOL 485 (description change, title change, WR designation)