



University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2023-2024

Susan Sanchez, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Kylee Duberstein

Arts and Sciences – Jonathan Haddad (Arts), absent

Paula Lemons (Sciences)

Business – Karen Aguar

Ecology – Amanda Rugenski

Education – Amy Murphy

Engineering – Kun Yao

Environment and Design – Katherine Melcher

Family and Consumer Sciences – Sheri Worthy

Forestry and Natural Resources – Richard Chandler

Journalism and Mass Communication – Yan Jin

Law – Joe Miller

Pharmacy – Michelle McElhannon

Public and International Affairs – Rongbin Han, Gulcan Saglam substituting

Public Health – Tamora Callands

Social Work – Harold Briggs

Veterinary Medicine – Shannon Hostetter

Graduate School – Rodney Mauricio

Ex-Officio – Provost S. Jack Hu

Undergraduate Student Representative – Gabriella Lewis, Nishat Nayla substituting

Graduate Student Representative – Kelsey Wohlford, absent

The University Curriculum Committee met on March 15, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Minutes of the February 16, 2024, University Curriculum Committee meeting were approved.

A motion was made to consider the following three action items at once. The motion was seconded and approved. The committee then unanimously approved the following proposals, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration:

- Proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering
- Proposal to offer the existing major in Higher Education (M.Ed.) online

- Proposal for a new major in Couple and Family Therapy (M.S.)

The committee discussed the proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Wildlife Health. A motion was made to approve the proposal with the condition that the College of Veterinary Medicine faculty would discuss the Forestry course offerings in the proposal with the School of Forestry faculty and revise the program of study as needed. The motion was seconded and approved. The committee then unanimously approved a new Undergraduate Certificate in Wildlife Health proposal. Subsequent to the UCC meeting, the faculty revised the program of study for the certificate, which was then forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The committee discussed the value of a more formal introduction for members regarding the consideration of curriculum proposals and member responsibilities. In response, the Office of the Registrar will hold a new member orientation prior to the first meeting of each academic year.

The committee continued discussing the Course Prerequisite Subcommittee and their draft of a policy proposal. Additional documentation regarding those meetings, along with a copy of the proposal draft, will be sent to the committee members prior to the April meeting to aid in further discussion.

The committee continued the discussion about variable credit courses. A list of currently approved variable credit courses was distributed to members for review prior to the meeting. Members discussed the need for transparency in variable credit course offerings and what updates they would like to see made to CAPA and to the course submission and revision process. It was decided that documentation would be developed to aid units with updating variable credit course information.

The Provost provided an update on the School of Medicine, including accreditation, faculty, and resources, as well as an update on the curriculum currently under development for the School.

The Provost gave an update on revisions to the General Education Core Curriculum.

The following information items were presented to the committee:

- The General Education Subcommittee met on February 19, 2024, and approved the request to include the following course in the list of courses that satisfy the General Education Requirement:

Area IV, Humanities and the Arts
GRMN 3560, German Film and Visual Culture

- The General Education Subcommittee denied the requests to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the General Education Requirement:

Area II, Life Sciences

ENTO(BIOL) 2010, Insects and the Environment

ENTO 2010E, Insects and the Environment

Area IV, World Languages and Global Culture

GRMN 3560, German Film and Visual Culture

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

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Appendix A - Motion/Seconds

Approval of the February 16, 2024, University Curriculum Committee minutes

- Motion: Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Motion to approve the proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering, the proposal to offer the existing major in Higher Education (M.Ed.) online, and the proposal for a new major in Couple and Family Therapy (M.S.) at once:

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Harold Briggs
- Unanimously approved

Motion to approve Undergraduate Certificate in Wildlife Health, with amendment:

- Motion: Susan Sanchez
- Second: Harold Briggs
- Unanimously approved

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