



University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2020-2021

John Maerz, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Nicholas Fuhrman

Arts and Sciences – Jonathan Evans (Arts), absent
Rodney Mauricio (Sciences)

Business – Jim Carson

Ecology – Amanda Rugenski

Education – David Jackson

Engineering – E.W. Tollner

Environment and Design – Ashley Steffens

Family and Consumer Sciences – Sheri Worthy

Forestry and Natural Resources – Joseph Dahlen

Journalism and Mass Communication – Dodie Cantrell-Bickley

Law – Randy Beck

Pharmacy – Michelle McElhannon

Public and International Affairs – Jeffrey Berejikian

Public Health – Brittani Harmon

Social Work – Harold Briggs

Veterinary Medicine – Susan Sanchez

Graduate School – Wendy Ruona

Ex-Officio – Provost S. Jack Hu

Undergraduate Student Representative – Jeremiah de Sesto, absent

Graduate Student Representative – Gerena Walker

Guests: Michael Marshall	Moon Jang	Marisa Pagnattaro
Devin Duggan	Erin Dolan	Donald Leo
Joseph McHugh	Paula Lemons	Tom Mote
Welch Suggs	Yana Cornish	Thiab Taha
Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett	Chase Hagood	

The University Curriculum Committee met on April 23, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. via the online meeting program Zoom.

Minutes of the March 26, 2021, University Curriculum Committee were approved.

The committee approved the following proposals, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration¹:

- Proposal to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture
- Proposal for a new Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 23, Improvement and Documentation of Teaching Effectiveness
- Proposal to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break
- Proposal for Connect and Complete: Persistence Framework
- Proposal to change the number of hours a student can register for without an override
- Proposal to create a School of Computing

The committee approved the proposal to make the following changes under the major in Horticulture (B.S.A.):

- Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Horticulture Science
- Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Landscape Contracting
- Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Sustainable Food Production in Horticulture

The committee approved the proposal to make the following changes under the major in Art (B.F.A.):

- Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Art X: Expanded Forms
- Change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Photography to the Area of Emphasis in Photography and Expanded Media

The committee approved the proposal to make the following changes under the major in Applied Biotechnology (B.S.A.B.):

- Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Food Science and Technology
- Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Applied Economics
- Create a new Area of Emphasis in Agricultural Business and Communications
- Create a new Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Sciences

The committee approved the proposal for a new prefix, SPTM, Sports Media.

The committee approved the proposal to revise the entrance requirements for the major in Science Education (B.S.Ed.).

The committee approved the proposal to revise the high-demand selection criteria for the Area of Emphasis in Graphic Design under the major in Art (B.F.A.).

The committee approved the proposal to offer the existing major in Applied Behavior Analysis (M.S.) with a Non-Thesis Option and increase the total major hours from 36 to 39.

The committee approved the proposal for Global Experiential Learning Outcomes in Study Away Experiences.

¹ The voting record appears in Appendix A.

After extensive discussion about the proposal for a new Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 23, Improvement and Documentation of Teaching Effectiveness, a motion was made for a friendly amendment to remove questions 6 and 7 from the required course evaluation questions. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made for a friendly amendment to remove question 5 from the required course evaluation questions. The motion was seconded and approved. The committee approved the proposal with the two friendly amendments.

The committee discussed forming a subcommittee to look at prerequisites on upper division undergraduate classes (4000-level). The objective would be to ensure that students signing up for 4000-level classes have a clear idea of what is expected, which would enable instructors to not reduce the rigor of the course to accommodate students who signed up for a class without having the necessary background. A motion was made to form this subcommittee. The motion was seconded and approved.

The committee elected Dr. Susan Sanchez as the University Curriculum Committee Chair for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

The following information items were presented to the committee:

The Study Away Subcommittee met on March 26, 2021.

The Cultural Diversity Subcommittee met on April 8, 2021, and approved the request to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the Cultural Diversity Requirement for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences:

- ANTH 2800, Food, Environment, and Culture
- ENGL 4700, Early American Literature


The General Education Subcommittee met on April 16, 2021, and approved the request to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the General Education Requirement for Area IV, Humanities and the Arts:

- COMM 1000, Introduction to Human Communication
- COMM 1000E, Introduction to Human Communication

The Environmental Awareness Subcommittee met on January 25 and April 19, 2021. The Environmental Awareness Subcommittee approved the requests to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the Environmental Awareness Requirement:

- INTL 4610, Environmental Politics
- JURI 4810/6810, Environmental and Natural Resources Law

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



John C. Maerz, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

Appendix A

Approval of the March 26, 2021, University Curriculum Committee minutes:

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Horticulture Science, terminate the Area of Emphasis in Landscape Contracting, and terminate the Area of Emphasis in Sustainable Food Production in Horticulture under the major in Horticulture (B.S.A.):

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Art X: Expanded Forms and change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Photography to the Area of Emphasis in Photography and Expanded Media under the major in Art (B.F.A.):

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Food Science and Technology, terminate the Area of Emphasis in Applied Economics, create a new Area of Emphasis in Agricultural Business and Communications, and create a new Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Science under the major in Applied Biotechnology (B.S.A.B.):

- Motion to approve – Susan Sanchez
- Second – Joseph Dahlen
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new prefix, SPTM, Sports Media:

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to revise the entrance requirements for the major in Science Education (B.S.Ed.):

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez

Voted Yes:
Randy Beck

Voted No:
Gerena Walker

Abstained:

Jeff Berejikian
Harold Briggs
Dodie Cantrell-Bickley
Jim Carson
Joseph Dahlen
Nick Fuhrman
Brittani Harmon
David Jackson
John Maerz
Rodney Mauricio
Michelle McElhannon
Amanda Rugenski
Wendy Ruona
Susan Sanchez
Ashley Steffens
Bill Tollner
Sheri Worthy

Proposal to revise the high demand selection criteria for the Area of Emphasis in Graphic Design under the major in Art (B.F.A.):

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Bill Tollner
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to offer the existing major in Applied Behavior Analysis (M.S.) with a Non-Thesis Option and increase the total major hours from 36 to 39:

- Motion to approve – Susan Sanchez
- Second – Nick Fuhrman
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture:

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 23, Improvement and Documentation of Teaching Effectiveness:

- Motion to approve – Randy Beck
- Second – David Jackson

Voted Yes:
Randy Beck

Voted No:
Rodney Mauricio

Abstained:
Harold Briggs

Jeff Berejikian
Jim Carson
Joseph Dahlen
Nick Fuhrman
David Jackson
John Maerz
Amanda Rugenski
Wendy Ruona
Susan Sanchez
Bill Tollner
Gerena Walker
Sheri Worthy

Dodie Cantrell-Bickley
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Michelle McElhannon
Ashley Steffens

- Friendly amendment to remove questions 6 and 7
 - Motion to approve – Jeff Berejikian
 - Second – Harold Briggs
 - Unanimously approved

- Friendly amendment to remove question 5
 - Motion to approve – Bill Tollner
 - Second – Susan Sanchez
 - Unanimously approved

Proposal for Global Experiential Learning Outcomes in Study Away Experiences:

- Motion to approve – Bill Tollner
- Second – Joseph Dahlen, Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break:

- Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for Connect and Complete: Persistence Framework:

- Motion to approve – Susan Sanchez
- Second – Nick Fuhrman
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to change the number of hours a student can register for without an override:

- Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
- Second – Joseph Dahlen, Susan Sanchez

- Unanimously approved

Proposal to create a School of Computing:

- Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
- Second – Gerena Walker, Joseph Dahlen
- Unanimously approved

Formation of a Prerequisite Subcommittee:

- Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
- Second – Susan Sanchez
- Unanimously approved