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**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Meeting Notes  
October 13, 2021**

**Members Present** Rhonda Brodrick, Scott Contreras-Koterbay, Tabitha Fair, William Flora, Colin Glennon, Sookhyun Kim, Jill LeRoy-Frazier, LeAnn Olson, Evelyn Roach, Laurie Schroder, Jonathon Taylor, Jennifer Young

**Members absent** Julie Bowers, T. Jason Davis, Stacie Hill, Drew Howell, Myra Jones, Kimberly Sell, Beth Thompson

**Guests Present** Ranjan Chakraborty, Michelle Chandley, Keith Green, Dharendra Kumar

The UCC meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Tabitha Fair. The meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom. Roll was taken by Rhonda Brodrick.

**Old Business:**

Laurie Schroder moved to approve the September 22, 2021 minutes with the correction of one typo. LeAnn Olsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

***- Establish New Concentration in an Existing Program – BS, Health Science (Biomedical Sciences Conc)***

Michelle Chandley provided an overview of the proposal. Creating a concentration in Biomedical Sciences, a national and internationally recognized field of study, more clearly defines the degree option. The proposed concentration will be an interdisciplinary effort between the Health Sciences and Biology departments.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Scott Contreras-Koterbay and Jennifer Young contacted Michelle Chandley to clarify information related to the general education and advisor-approved elective credits and whether BIOL 3100 General Genetics should be included in the program of study since it is a prerequisite for several courses in the concentration. Dr. Chandley and Dr. Kumar agreed HSCI 4036 Human Genetics could be the prerequisite course rather than BIOL 3100 General Genetics. With input from Michelle Chandley, edits were completed prior to the meeting.

During the meeting, one additional change was noted:

- HSCI 4036 Human Genetics, a prerequisite for several concentration courses, needs to be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of study so it is completed before beginning concentration courses. Michelle Chandley will e-mail the Sequence of Courses to Evelyn Roach, and Evelyn will make this change.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Scott Contreras-Koterbay and Jennifer Young

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals
- ✓ Proposal adds value to the Health Sciences Department, College of Public Health, and university
- ✓ Courses appropriate
- ✓ Credit distribution appropriate

Jennifer Young motioned to approve the proposal with the change of sequence for HSCI 4036 Human Genetics. Scott Contreras-Koterbay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**- Terminate Academic Program or Concentration – Marching Band**

The program's accrediting agency, National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), rejected the program of study submitted for approval.

Primary Reviewers Julie Bowers and Colin Glennon found the proposal to be well written. No changes were made during the meeting.

Colin Glennon motioned to approve the proposal as written. LeAnn Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**- Terminate Academic Program or Concentration – Conducting**

The program's accrediting agency, National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), rejected the program of study submitted for approval.

Primary Reviewers Jill LeRoy-Frazier and LeAnn Olson found the proposal to be well written. No changes were made during the meeting.

Colin Glennon motioned to approve the proposal as written. LeAnn Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**- Establish New Concentration in an Existing Program – Biomedical Sciences – BS, Biology**

Dhirendra Kumar provided an overview of the proposal which is the Biology Department's side of the interdisciplinary concentration discussed in the Health Sciences proposal approved earlier in the meeting. Graduate degrees are already offered in Biomedical Sciences, so developing an undergraduate concentration provides a logical progression pathway.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Tabitha Fair and Jonathon Taylor contacted Dhirendra Kumar to clarify information related to the free elective credits for the Biochemistry Concentration, courses listed for the Advanced Biochemistry Biology Requirements, advisor approved electives for the Secondary Education Concentration, and courses missing from the Existing Courses section of the proposal. The missing courses were added to the proposal prior to the meeting.

During the meeting, the following edits were completed:

- Course Requirements from Existing Concentrations – delete BIOL 4597 Recombinant DNA Laboratory (3 credits) and BIOL 4647 Molecular Biology (3 credits) (done)
- Impact Statement: Add "Biomedical Sciences is a logical concentration for those students clearly on the medical or dental path. We expect the joint concentration with Health Sciences to appeal to those students. We may see an increase in enrollment." (done)

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Tabitha Fair and Jonathon Taylor

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals

- ✓ Proposal adds value to the Biological Sciences Department, College of Arts & Sciences, and university
- ✓ Courses appropriate
- ✓ Credit distribution appropriate

Jonathon Taylor motioned to approve the edited proposal. Tabitha Fair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith Green provided an overview of the next sequence of course proposals which were developed to meet deficits in the current History and Philosophy curriculums. Similar courses are offered at peer institutions. Dr. Green stated ETSU has sufficient faculty and library resources and student interest to add these courses to the curriculum.

### ***-New Course HIST 3903 - African American Religious History***

Prior to the meeting, primary Reviewers Laurie Schroder and Sookhyun Kim contacted Keith Green to clarify information related to the justification, expected learning outcomes, required texts, and attendance policy.

During the meeting, the following edits were completed:

- Laurie Schroder corrected inconsistencies in capitalization throughout the proposal. (done)
- Academic & Credit Number Justification – remove “approximately” (done)
- Attendance Policy – change effect to affect (done)

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Laurie Schroder and Sookhyun Kim

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the History Department, College of Arts & Sciences, and university
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 3000-level course
- ✓ Course appropriate at 3000 level
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3

Laurie Schroder motioned to approve the proposal with edits completed during the meeting. Sookhyun Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***-New Course HIST 3915 - American Religious History***

Prior to the meeting, primary Reviewers Jonathon Taylor and Scott Contreras-Koterbay contacted Keith Green to clarify information related to the catalog description, transcript title, and grading scale. Edits were completed prior to the meeting.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Jonathon Taylor and Scott Contreras-Koterbay

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the History Department, College of Arts & Sciences, and university
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 3000-level course

- ✓ Course appropriate at 3000 level
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3

Scott Contreras-Koterbay motioned to approve the proposal with the edits completed prior to the meeting. Jonathon Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **-New Course PHIL 3210 – Chinese Philosophy**

Keith Green explained RELI 3230 Asian Religions and Philosophical Traditions is a decades old course which combined all Asian religions and philosophies. Current best practice is to present Indian and Buddhist philosophies and Chinese Philosophy in separate courses. RELI 3230 has been substantively revised to cover Indian and Buddhist Philosophy. PHIL 3210 is a new course created to explore Chinese Philosophy.

Prior to the meeting, primary Reviewer Jill LeRoy-Frazier found the proposal to be well-written. She corrected one typo.

During the meeting, the following edit was completed:

- Grading Scale – change the B+ to read 86 – 89 (done)

Confirmation from Primary Reviewer Jill LeRoy-Frazier

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Philosophy & Humanities Department, College of Arts & Sciences, and university
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 3000-level course
- ✓ Course appropriate at 3000 level
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3

Jill LeRoy-Frazier motioned to approve the proposal with the edit to the grading scale. Scott Contreras-Koterbay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **-Revise Course: Substantial Modification RELI 3230– Asian Religious and Philosophical Traditions**

During the meeting, the following edits were completed:

- New Course Title – Indian and Buddhist Philosophy (confirmed)
- Transcript Title – Change to Indian & Buddhist Phil (done)
- Grading Scale – change the B+ to read 86 – 89 (done)

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers LeAnn Olsen and Colin Glennon

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Philosophy & Humanities Department, College of Arts & Sciences, and university
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 3000-level course
- ✓ Course appropriate at 3000 level

✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3

LeAnn Olson motioned to approve the proposal with the edits completed during the meeting. Colin Glennon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Discussion:** None

Tabitha Fair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Brodrick, UCC Secretary

Approved 10/27/21