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**Undergraduate Curriculum Council
Meeting Notes
November 8, 2023**

Members Present Paul Baggett, Rhonda Brodrick, Allen Coates, T. Jason Davis, Chelsie Dubay, Bradley Edwards, Cynthia Edwards, William Flora, Julie Fox-Horton, Daniel Hedden, Stacie Hill, Myra Jones, Evelyn Roach, Melessia Webb, Jennifer Young

Members absent Julie Bowers, Mathew Desjardins, Colin Glennon

Guests Present Joseph Baker, Andrea Clements, T. Alan Holmes, Scott Honeycutt, Keith Johnson, Shara Lange, Joseph "Paul" Sims, Daniel Westover

The UCC meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Julie Fox-Horton. The meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom. Roll was taken by Rhonda Brodrick.

Old Business

Jason Davis moved to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes. Chelsie Dubay seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

- New Course – ENGL 4044 Writing in Secondary Education

Scott Honeycutt provided an overview of the proposed new course. A dual course, ENGL 4057/5057, has been taught for almost 20 years. In the course there has been 2 distinct audiences which made teaching the course to meet each group's needs challenging. This proposal separates the dual course into 2 separate courses, one specific to each audience.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Mathew Desjardins, Julie Bowers, and Paul Baggett had no concerns related to the proposal. During the meeting, the F category of the grading scale was edited to read: Below 600 = F.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Mathew Desjardins (e-mail), Julie Bowers (e-mail), and Paul Baggett

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Department of Department of Literature & Language and the College of Arts & Sciences
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 4000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 4000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Chelsie Dubay motioned to approve the proposal with the edit to the grading scale. Jason Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Revise Academic Minor– Psychology Minor

Andrea Clements provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the minor which increases flexibility by allowing students to count any 6 hours of PSYC credit at the 2000 level rather than requiring students to choose from 3 specific courses.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Allen Coates, Melessia Webb, and Colin Glennon had no concerns related to the proposed revision.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Allen Coates, Melessia Webb, and Colin Glennon (e-mail)

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals
- ✓ Proposal adds value to the Department of Psychology, the College of Arts & Sciences, and university.

Chelsie Dubay motioned to approve the proposal as written. Paul Baggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- New Course – SOCI 4240 Religion, Medicine & Health

Joseph Baker provided an overview of the proposed new course which explores the intersections of religion and health. The course will begin with theoretical/historical perspectives and progress to contemporary considerations.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Jennifer Young, Brad Edwards, and Daniel Heddon contacted Leslie McCallister to clarify information related to the grading scale. With permission of the originator, the F category of the grading scale was edited.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Jennifer Young, Brad Edwards, and Daniel Heddon

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Department of Department of Sociology & Anthropology and the College of Arts & Sciences
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 4000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 4000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Chelsie Dubay motioned to approve the proposal as currently written. Bradley Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Establish New Academic Program–B.S. Mechatronics Engineering

Bill Flora introduced the proposed new academic program which is an intersection of mechanical and electrical engineering. There is substantive community support for this degree because of the large workforce need in Tennessee. Keith Johnson and Paul Sims were present to respond to questions.

During the meeting, primary reviewers Jason Davis and Chelsie Dubay asked a few questions about faculty and lab space needed to support offering the degree. Program Learning Outcome 4 was revised to read: "Demonstrate technical standards and ethical principles of the profession." Dr. Flora will edit this outcome.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Jason Davis and Chelsie Dubay

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals
- ✓ Proposal adds value to the Department of Engineering, Engineering Technology, & Surveying, the College of Business & Technology, and university.

Jason Davis motioned to approve the proposal pending Dr. Flora's edit to Program Learning Outcome 4. Chelsie Dubay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

-Establish Minor–Sports Media

Shara Lange provided an overview of the proposed new minor which is composed of 21 credits from 7 existing courses. The proposed minor has lots of student interest and is proposed to meet an expected growth in entertainment sports jobs. This proposal was tabled at the October 11, 2023 meeting to give the Departments of Media & Communications and Sport, Exercise, Recreation, and Kinesiology time to address a concern of curriculum overlap. Jason Davis reported the concerns were discussed; the Department of Sport, Exercise, Recreation, and Kinesiology supports the proposed new minor.

Primary Reviewer Paul Baggett had no concerns related to the proposal.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewer Paul Baggett

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals
- ✓ Proposal adds value to the Department of Media & Communication, the College of Arts & Sciences, and university.

Jason Davis motioned to approve the proposal as written. Allen Coates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussion:

The next UCC meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29th, from 2 – 4 pm.

Jason Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chelsie Dubay seconded. Julie Fox-Horton adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Brodrick, UCC Secretary

Approved 11/29/23