Curriculum Committee

December 8, 2020

Present: Jason Barr, Jeff Bryson, Schuyler Chapman, Denise Ellyson, Kaitlin Ensor, Dwight Heaster, Rico Gazal, Cheryl McKinney, Jonathan Minton, Gary Morris, David O'Dell, Ann Reed, Sara Sawyer, Connie Stout O'Dell, David O'Dell, Jasmine Tarman, Will Vann

Guests: Adam Black, Mari Clements, Megan Darby, Doyle Hupp, Gerda Kumpiene, Wenwen Du, Earl Thompson

Minutes of November 17, 2020 meeting were approved with the correction of Kaitlin Ensor's name.

Old Business

Science and Mathematics

Math 202 - Calculus I is required in the Math minor (Bryson/Heaster) Motion carried

Math 120 is not required for the Mathematics minor but students can take either MATH 120 or MATH 125 as an elective in the minor. (Chapman/Stout) Motion carried

Biology 321 and Biology 363 will be removed from the catalog. (Heaster/Bryson) Motion carried

Wildlife Management 302, 404, 493 prerequisites were modified to include Biology 293 to allow Biology majors the option to take these courses. (Bryson/Barr) Motion carried

The template for Bachelor of Arts in Education Biology (9-Adult) distributed previously was not from the current catalog. The current catalog template was provided and includes MATH 256 and 4 credit hours in Physics. The templates for BAED Chemistry and General Science remain as previously presented. A motion was made to endorse the Elementary, Middle School and Secondary teacher education program changes in response to the year-long residency mandated by the West Virginia State Department of Education. (Heaster/Barr) Motion carried.

New Business

Land Resources

The Department is requesting WLMT 301 replace POSC 390 in the NRMT – Criminal Justice program. In addition, changes to the Land Surveying programs include the renaming of LAND 193 and LAND 230 and replacing MATH 125 with MATH 120 to better align the AS program with ABBET accreditation. No Land Surveying courses require higher than MATH 115 as a prerequisite.

Fine Arts

The Department is requesting to modify the Bluegrass certificate program. The minimum required for a minor is 12 hours. The changes to the Bluegrass certificate proposed courses may be renumbered as Appalachian Studies courses once the program major is presented to the committee.

Request to remove pre-requisites from MUSC 114 – Class Instruction in Voice.

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The department is requesting a new career path in Music Therapy be added to the Bachelor of Arts in Music. This pathway consists of a group of courses could save at least a semester for graduate school.

Science and Mathematics

Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry – Add Pre-calculus and remove the lab from CHEM 345.

Health and Human Performance

Change HLTH 107 from 1 to 3 credit hours and HLTH 493 from 12 to 6 credit hours. Focus more toward Science. The number of hours expected for practicums and internships is on-site for 220 hours. Dr. Heaster noted there were no open electives and not enough hours to go to graduate school for physical therapy. Dr. Hunter noted the program is aligned with occupational therapy.

Special Education

Upon arriving to GSC, Dr. Kumpiene desired to change Special Education (SPED) to (EDSP) Educating Students with Special Needs. All SPED course outlines have been updated as EDSP to make more inclusive and less derogatory.

Criminal Justice

The department is requesting to update the catalog description and course objectives for CRJU 223.

Business

The department presented changes to AS in Business, realigning the Business Administration core for a seamless transition from the AS degree to the BSBA degree. The changes were recommended by the Advisory Board.

BUSN 118 and BUSN 296 to be removed from the AS degree and from the catalog.

BUSN 293 – Professional Business Seminar is proposed to change from 2 to 3 credit hours.

BUSN 225 - Business Ethics is a new course and will be required in the AS Business program and BSBA Core.

ACCT 399 – VITA has been offered for many years as a special topics course and is being proposed as ACCT 444. This course will continue to be offered as an elective for students interested in becoming certified public accountants. In order to be certified students must complete 150 credit hours of education.

Computer Science course pre-requisites have been modified.

MRKT 388, 478 and 495 course outlines have updated pre-requisites.

The department is requesting PED 130 and PED 230 be removed from the Sport Management major and replaced with PED 265 and 333.

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The department provided updated program/learning objectives for the AS in Business and the BS in Business Administration for informational purposes only.

Clock-credit hours for BUSN 225 and BUSN 293 were requested

Social Science

Dr. Kaitlin Ensor presented changes to the Behavioral Science program to drop Behavioral Science and add Psychology. The goal is to take this to HEPC eventually but data is needed. The program would drop the requirement for a minor.

A question was asked if there was a policy on faculty requiring a self-published book for students to purchase.

Dr. Chapman liked the redesign and thought it was a nice way to approach a major. Dr. Bryson agreed changes were needed with very good career tracks.

SOCL 292 – the new number is requested because of substantial changes, 292 and 293 are apple/orange comparisons. Do we still identify Capstone and Gateway courses as 293 or 493?

The committee will reconvene on December 10, 2020 to complete the review of curriculum changes for the 2021-2022 catalog.

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