

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 1, 2022

Present: Gary Morris, Dwight Heaster, Kenneth Lang, Larry Baker, Jason Barr, Jonathan Minton, Kevin Evans, Kaitlin Ensor, Schuyler Chapman, Cheryl McKinney, Sara Sawyer, Tim Konhaus, Rachel Adams

Absent: Rico Gazal, Gerda Kumpiene, Chloe Griffith

Guests: Ann Reed, Leisa Dean, Isaac Johnson, Wenwen Du, Pai Song, Robert Regalado

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Heaster motioned to approve the October 18th meeting minutes, Dr. Chapman seconded. Dr. Sawyer abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

MSCJ Discussion

- Dr. Lang updated documents based on the previous meeting
 - The Thesis course was removed from the curriculum
 - The MSCJ program is now 33 credits
- Mrs. Reed asked how the major will be set up to ensure that diplomas are correct
 - Degree – M.S.
 - Program – Criminal Justice
 - Major – Criminal Justice
- Dr. Chapman motioned to approve the MSCJ program, Dr. Evans seconded. Motion passed.

Criminal Justice Department

- Mr. Baker motioned to approve the changes, Dr. Heaster seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Social Science Department

- PSYC: The department updated assessment measures last year, which updated the learning objectives for courses. Gen Ed reductions are also included in these changes
- All Sociology (SOCL) courses are being discontinued. The department currently does not have anyone qualified to teach these courses
- HIST/POSC: Assessment measures were updated. Gen Ed reductions are also included in these changes, which raised the number of credits in the major
- APST: The department diversified the curriculum of program
- Minors: the Global Studies and History minors are being reactivated and updated. The Sociology minor is being removed. Geography and Social Justice are new minors
- Social Studies 5-Adult: The Social Science Department worked with the Education Department to reduce Gen Ed requirements
- Social Studies Middle School Specialization: SOCL was removed, hours were updated

- Mr. Baker was concerned with the new rotation of WV History, and if students could graduate on time. He will look into this.
- For Occupational Therapy pathways, Sociology is a requirement. Dr. Sawyer has reached out to WVU about requirements and is waiting to hear back.
- Mrs. McKinney asked about the number of new minors being added.
 - Only one minor requires a new course
 - Dr. Morris is okay with trying out minors to see student enrollment. If there isn't sufficient enrollment, they may need to be removed later
- Mrs. McKinney also asked if the requirement for MATH 256 can also add "OR STAT 361". Dr. Ensor will ask the department about making this change
- Mrs. Adams mentioned that the hours in the Geography minor doesn't add up. Dr. Ensor will update for the next meeting
- Dr. Chapman asked if APST 340 Politics of West Virginia could be changed to a POSC subject. Dr. Ensor will ask the department about changing this subject

Language & Literature Department

- The department is proposing a new Professional Writing minor. There is a need for professional writing for our students. Two new courses are being created, the rest of the courses are changing subjects
- Gen Ed reductions have been incorporated into these changes
- ENGL 493 and 350 are being modified
- Dr. Sawyer mentioned that WRIT 201 & 202 don't have prerequisites, and the credit hours for BIOL 193 is 1 instead of 3

Adjournment: Dr. Lang adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

November 8, 2022