

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 15, 2022

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

Absent: Gary Morris, Jason Barr, Gerda Kumpiene, Chloe Griffith

Guests: Mari Clements, Leisa Dean, Pai Song, Wenwen Du, Robert Regalado, Brooke Fincham

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Baker motioned to approve the November 1st meeting minutes, Dr. Chapman seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Social Science Department

- The Department updated files based on the previous meeting:
 - Politics of West Virginia was updated to a POSC subject
 - Learning objectives were updated for PSYC 201
 - Corrected typos
 - Updated hours on Geography minor
- The Department is not adding STAT 361 as an OR option with MATH 256 at this time. There was a concern about Math faculty loads, Dr. Du said it would not be an issue. PSYC majors are already required to take MATH 256, and there would be 10 or less students additionally added to the class once it is required for HIST/POSC majors
- Dr. Clements pointed out that after her experience in teaching both classes (MATH & STAT), the courses are actually quite different
- Dr. Konhaus motioned to approve the changes, Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Language & Literature Department:

- The Department updated documents for the minor based on discussion at the last meeting. Courses required in the minor will not share with any major.
- ENGL 493 will be repeatable, since it is a Seminar class and the topic changes each time the class is offered
- Gen ed reductions were included in the department's changes
- The prerequisite for ENGL 350 is being updated to only include ENGL 102
- Mrs. McKinney asked how technology would be addressed for the department's gen eds. Dr. Minton will discuss this with the department and provide updated documents to the next meeting

New Business

Science & Math Department:

- Biology: Gen eds were reduced, corrected # of electives (typo), updated courses
 - Mrs. Adams asked if the list of additional electives (BIOL 310, CHEM 381 & WLMT 404) could be added to the other elective lists. Dr. Evans will discuss this with the department.
- Chemistry: Gen eds were reduced, updated courses
- Health & Human Performance: Gen eds were reduced, updated Health Promotion minor, added CHEM 205 as an elective
- Math major: This is a new major. There will be minimal overload for the current amount of Math faculty (2-4 hours per semester total)
 - The committee pointed out that the statement “At least 9 credits from one of the following categories; At least 3 hours from the remaining categories” needed updated. Dr. Evans will provide updated document at the next meeting
 - CSCI 230 on the Plan of Study needed changed to a spring semester
 - There is a typo under the Science & Engineering section (PHYS)
 - LAND 193 has a prerequisite of MATH 125 & LAND 121; NRMT 334 has a prerequisite of NRMT 234
- BAED – Gen eds were reduced, updated courses
- Pre-Professional Programs: removed Sociology requirements. The Department has not found out what to do about the Occupational Therapy requirements, as Sociology is a requirement. Dr. Sawyer will reach out to WVU again about this

Other

- The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 12:25. Mrs. Nicholas will look into how many faculty may be unable to attend due to finals, and reschedule if needed

Adjournment: Dr. Lang adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

November 8, 2022