

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 13, 2024

Present: Dwight Heaster, Larry Baker, Adam Black (Chair), Jonathan Minton, Gerda Kumpiene, Schuyler Chapman, Cheryl McKinney, Sara Sawyer, Tim Konhaus, Rachel Adams

Absent: Mari Clements, Donal Hardin, Jason Barr, Kevin Evans, David O'Dell, Kaitlin Ensor, Alyssa Gibson

Guests: Ann Reed, Leisa Dean, Brian Johnston, Stephanie Schreckengost, Trae Sprague

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from January 30th: Sara motioned to approve, Schuyler seconded. Motion passed

Old Business

Practicum Definition

- The course description for EXSC 493 Practicum was provided to the committee to use for creating a description of what a Practicum is
- The committee asked if the practicum and internship definitions could be merged together since they're similar, or if one description is needed with a note added to clarify definition of internship vs. practicum
- Adam will discuss this with the sub-group and Kevin before the next meeting

Bylaws

- Were sent back from ULC
- Changes made:
 - Added "and/or School Dean" to list of members
 - Changed Quorum section so that it reflects an accurate majority
 - Revised Proxy section based on language from other bylaws
- Schuyler motioned to approve, Gerda seconded. Motion passed

New Business

Biology

- Discontinuing BIOL 309 & 310, replaced with HLTH 230 & 231
- Re-instating BIOL 321
- Discontinuing BIOL 456
- New courses: BIOL 236, BIOL 436 and BIOL 480
- Other courses were revised; course rotations changed
- Added MATH 202 as a math option for Biology majors
- BIOL 309 & 310 have counted as gen ed lab science courses in the past for transfer students, would this apply to HLTH 230 & 231 – need to ask Kevin
- Could BIOL 498 Seminar be reinstated instead of creating a new course? Sara will look into this

- BIOL 436 has 15 learning objectives, should it? Sara will ask Jeremy
- The lecture and lab time needs added to the course descriptions for BIOL 236 & 321

GSU Courses

- 2nd Chance Pell Memo:
 - 2nd Chance Pell students do not take GSU 100, but upon release they really need some sort of intro course to GSU
 - Stephanie said a similar, but different course, would be more beneficial to these students
 - Rachel is not sure if Degree Works can be set up to exempt students from GSU 100 now then require it upon re-enrollment
 - An updated course outline for GSU 100 is needed if the exemptions are changing (they are listed in the course descriptions)
 - Would need the course outline/necessary information for the new course, if that is being created
 - Mari, Stephanie and Trae will work on changes for the next meeting
- GSU 100 Course Rotation:
 - Rotation is changing to Every Semester, it is currently Fall Only
- GSU 201 Discontinuation:
 - Trae is requesting for GSU 201 to be discontinued as it is no longer needed
 - Schuyler motioned to approve, Sara seconded
- GSU 100 for Pre-Nursing Students:
 - Pre-Nursing students were never really exempted from GSU 100, but could be exempt from Marshall's equivalent course due to amount of transfer credit. If student's change from Pre-Nursing to another major at GSU, they won't have this class and will have to take it anyway
 - Two sections of GSU 100 will be added to the schedule, specifically for Pre-Nursing students

Wildlife Management

- Removed BIOL 120 & 314 from major; added ENVR 351; revised restricted electives
- WLMT 302 credit hours were raised from 3 to 4. The class has been taught as a 4 credit class and should have been 4 credits originally. The lecture and lab hours need to be added to the course outline
- Students may run into hidden prerequisite issues with Biology restricted electives
- There were questions as to why there are only 2 credit hours of electives
- Adam will talk with faculty about these changes

Adjournment: Adam adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.