

MINUTES OF
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA
October 23, 2024

Present: N. Bird, M. Chian, C. Christopher, D. Cornish, C. Heinzel, D. Heistad, C. Holcombe, B. Kanago, R. Kidwell, M. Kline, C. Nedrow, H. Porter Occena, E. Renfro, S. Riehl, A. Shafer, K. Warren,

Absent: G. Gould, N. Lehman, J. Ophus, J. Schraffenberg

Guests: R. Dada, B. Forsyth, C. Mulholland, R. Rinehart, K. Scholl, S. Vander Zanden

The meeting was called to order by D. Heistad at 3:00 pm in the Presidential Room

I. Welcome & Introductions

D. Heistad welcomed all present

II. Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2024

B. Kanago moved to approve the October 16, 2024, minutes. E. Renfro seconded. D. Heistad asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none.

D. Heistad called for a vote on the October 16, 2024, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Curriculum Review Procedures for Previously Tabled Items

N. Bird moved, C. Holcombe seconded, to approve the previously tabled items

Agenda Items – Programs

- EARLYCHHD-BA: Early Childhood Education Major – Teaching (edited)

D. Heistad mentioned that EDPSYCH 3109 has a prerequisite of ‘Dynamics of Human Development’ which will become ‘Development and Learning in Sociocultural Context.’ B. Forsyth explained that EDPSYCH 3109 should have a prerequisite of EDPSYCH 2068.

D. Heistad went on to say that EDPSYCH 2068 will be listed as a required course and will satisfy Educator Essentials Category 1, however, this adds three hours to the major. R. Rinehart stated that EDPSYCH 2068 will count towards UNIFI as well.

D. Heistad brought up that ELEMECML 3161 & ELEMECML 3164 will be moved to the new EDUC prefix as Methods II. B. Forsyth responded by saying that students will take methods of elementary science and social studies courses to satisfy the methods two requirement.

D. Heistad mentioned the Professional Experiences requirement for this major is higher than others, and asked R. Kidwell if other departments are outside of the 19-24 range for Professional Experience courses. R. Kidwell confirmed and mentioned that from the Registrar's end it wasn't a concern.

D. Heistad then went on to compare the current EARLYCHHD-BA curriculum to the new proposed curriculum to ensure everything was accounted for and the total number of credits was correct.

R. Kidwell will remove EDPSYCH 3148 and TEACHING 3128 from the prerequisite for SPIE 4148 and will also add SPIE 3150 as a requirement into the major. SPIE 3150 satisfies category 3 of Educator Essentials.

R. Kidwell confirmed that the required content for the EARLYCHHD-BA is 57- 60 credits. The professional experiences totals to 27 credits, and with the double counting in the major Educator Essentials has 6 additional credits. There are 36 credits in UNIFI. This would make the EARLYCHHD-BA 126 credits, but at least 6 credits in the major could double count in UNIFI.

B. Kanago mentioned that ELEMECML 4192 has old prerequisite prefixes. R. Kidwell confirmed that the Registrar's Office will clean up the old prefixes throughout the catalog.

- EARLYCHILDSTEM-MINOR: Early STEM Education Minor (added)

R. Dada stated that MATH 1204 will need to be listed along with MATH 3204. R. Dada went on to say that she sent R. Kidwell a new description for the EARLYCHILDSTEM-MINOR making it more explicit that the minor is only for Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education majors.

- EDUC COURSES CROSSWALK

B. Forsyth told the committee that all departments agreed to the new EDUC course numbers.

S. Riehl pointed out that when there's approved EDUC courses, the departments will need to know what number it will change to. R. Kidwell stated that courses with EDUC prerequisites will need to be verified by the appropriate departments if it's not clear which course number it should be.

Chair Heistad called for a vote on the motion to approve the previously tabled items. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Role and Scope of Duties for Pre-meetings

D. Heistad asked the committee if there were any questions/concerns regarding how the UCC committee operates. D. Heistad then went on to say that the focus of the pre-meetings needs to be on how the committee can help departments prior to the actual meeting.

S. Riehl stated that readers could begin to note if any issues were spotted within departments proposals during the pre-meetings. D. Heistad suggested assigning members to reach out to departments.

S. Riehl and the committee mentioned their concerns with not being able to see everything – editorial and substantive. Editorial and Substantive changes will be shared to the entire committee next curriculum cycle for pre-meetings and full meetings.

B. Kanago requested that after pre-meetings, a formal email or something be sent to departments, so they know what to expect during the actual meeting.

S. Riehl mentioned that page 24 in the handbook, ‘Standard Programs’, is no longer up to date.

D. Heistad, D. Cornish, & C. Nedrow will review the handbook and send out an email with the proposed changes to the UCC committee where they will be able to comment on what changes need to be made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Shafer

Office of the Registrar

cc: UCC

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Guests