

**MINUTES OF
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA**

August 23, 2017

Present: K. Basom, R. Christ, C. Christopher, M. Fienup, A. Gabriele, K. Martin, J. Morgan, J. Morrow, C. Nedrow, P. Pease, M. Perry, G. Pohl, G. Rhineberger-Dunn, S. Riehl, V. Robinson, J. Smothers, D. Wallace

Absent: D. Heistad

Guests: C. Curran, D. Dahms, J. Fritch, S. Morgan, D. Saunders, K. Scholl

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pease at 3:00 p.m. in the Presidential Room, Maucker Union.

I. Welcome and Introductions

UCC Chair Pease welcomed all present. Introductions followed.

J. Morgan nominated Pease for chair, Fienup seconded. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

II. Curriculum Review Procedures for BA in Environmental Resource Management (New Major)

J. Morgan moved, Fienup seconded to approve new major BA in Environmental Resource Management.

J. Morgan noted that there were a couple of adjustments made after the pre-meeting from editorial changes found. Dahms will work with Perry to make sure these changes get updated in the program prior to Faculty Senate review.

GEOG 1260 *Introduction to Environmental Resource Management* is not a current course; this course should be replaced with GEOG 4260 *Environmental Resource Management* which does exist as a course.

LYHS 4055 *Financial Resources Management for LYHS Agencies* was incorrectly listed as LYHS 4055 *Financial Resources Management for Non-Profits*.

There are a variety of courses listed as POL xxxx, these courses should be listed as POL AMER.

Within the Environmental Compliance Track, the Primary Focus – Content Related Courses should only require 10 hours as opposed to 12, while the Secondary Focus – Cognates should require 7 hours as opposed to 5.

Dahms also suggested that the Internship elective within each track be revised to list each optional course under the Internship. Additionally, HPE 4768 was incorrectly listed as HPE 7468.

There was discussion regarding prerequisites for many of the courses within this major. Dahms noted that all departments represented in the major have agreed to waive the prerequisites within their departments for students pursuing this major.

Rhineberger-Dunn noted that there needed to be more truth in advertising, and student should be aware that those prerequisites will be waived, or it may deter them from pursuing the major.

Pohl moved, Basom seconded to amend the program to include added language within the narrative of this major to inform students that there are prerequisites to specific electives within the major and note which prerequisites will be waived by the department for each particular course for students pursuing this major. Pease called for a vote on the motion to approve the amendment, motion passed with 7 voting yes, 1 abstention.

Wallace noted that the narrative also needs to include a note that they can only declare one track within this program.

Dahms noted that he will work with Perry to develop a narrative including further information about prerequisites and a note to students that they may only declare one track prior to the Faculty Senate meeting.

Chair Pease called for a vote on the motion to approve the amended new major BA in Environmental Resource Management. Motion carried and BA in Environmental Resource Management program was approved with 8 yes, 1 abstention.

III. Curriculum Review Procedures for new major BS in Environmental Science (New Major)

Fienup moved, J. Morgan seconded to approve the new major BS in Environmental Science.

S. Morgan noted that the Environmental Earth Science Track lists the required courses as 14 credit hours, but it needs to be 13 hours. Additionally, the Electives need to be a minimum of 20 hours rather than 19 as listed in the proposal to keep a total of 33 hours.

J. Morgan noted that there are some additional prerequisite issues within this program as were discussed within the Environmental Resource Management program in that prerequisites exist for some of the elective courses within this program, and the departments have agreed to waive them for students within this major.

Pohl moved, Basom seconded to amend the program to include added language within the narrative of this major to inform students that there are prerequisites to specific electives within the major and note which prerequisites will be waived by the department for each particular course for students pursuing this major. Pease called for a vote on the motion to approve the amendment, motion passed unanimously.

Chair Pease called for a vote on the motion to approve the amended new major BS in Environmental Science. Motion carried and the BS in Environmental Science program was approved unanimously.

IV. Additional Discussion

Basom questioned whether it was appropriate that the committee meets during Department meetings. Six other committee members also indicated that this is a conflict within their departments as well.

Rhineberger-Dunn noted that the meeting time is included in the description of responsibilities for this committee so that departments and committee members are aware of this potential conflict.

Pease noted that we will add it as a discussion point during our last meeting when we discuss the curriculum process.

Chair Pease stated the next meeting would be **3:00 p.m. August 30 in Presidential Room, Maucker Union**, at which time the CBA curriculum packet will be reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Perry
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Guests