

University Committee on Courses and Curricula
Mississippi State University
September 19, 2014

Present: Amy Adkerson, Kari Babski-Reeves, Russell Carr, Mike Cox, Amy Crumpton, Dana Franz, Robert Harland, Kevin Hunt, Skip Jack, Mitzy Johnson, Olivia McCain, Scott Montgomery, Lynda Moore, Rob Moore, Kelly Moser, Bob Otondo, Emily Owen, Tommy Parker, Melinda Pilkinton, John Riggins, John Rigsby, Kathy Sherman-Morris, Barry Stewart, Pam Sullivan, Kirk Swortzel, Jenny Turner, Mark Welch, Tom White, Robert Wolverton

Excused: Jo Jo Dodd, Johnny Richwine

Proxy: Robert Wolverton, Jr. for Pat Matthes

Absent: Jack Smith

Guests: Erin Grant, Wendy Herd, Trey Howell, Ginger Pizer, Emily Ryalls, Joe Wilmoth

Swortzel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014 in room 324 of the Student Union. Swortzel welcomed all of the committee members and introduced the new committee members. Swortzel discussed the implementation of the on-line system for UCCC course proposals. Harland asked if a screen and projector could be available for faculty members to review the proposals during the UCCC meetings. Swortzel will look into the feasibility of a screen and a projector. The May minutes were reviewed, and it was pointed out that the May meeting was held Thursday, May 1st not Friday, May 2nd as indicated in first paragraph of the proposed minutes. Carr moved to approve the minutes as amended. Franz seconded the motion. The May 1, 2014 minutes were approved as amended.

Stewart moved to approve the modification of HS 8823 Advanced Theories of Human Development and Family Relations. Franz seconded the motion. Committee members pointed out the learning outcomes in the syllabus and the course outline are different; while there is a section explaining the method of evaluation on the course proposal, there is not a method of evaluation section on the syllabus; and the proposal indicates the 30 character abbreviation will not change even though the name of the course is being changed as part of the modification. Carr moved to table HS 8823, and Crumpton seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with one committee member voting nay and two committee members abstaining.

Welch moved to approve the addition of BIO 4123/6123 Behavioral Ecology and BIO 8123 Speciation. Carr seconded the motion. Committee members pointed out that under the Graduate Student Requirements, there is a typographical error in the course number. On BIO 8123, the course description indicates the course is a lecture, while the proposal indicates the method of instruction is a seminar. Welch indicated the course description will be changed on the cover sheet and the proposal to make the course a seminar. Hunt moved to pass BIO 4123/6123 and BIO 8123 contingent upon the outlined concerns being addressed. Rigsby seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved unanimously.

Sherman-Morris moved to approve the addition of CO 4233/6233 Gender and Media and GS 4233/6233 Gender and Media. Rigsby seconded the motion. Dr. Emily Ryalls appeared in support of the proposals. Committee members pointed out there needs to be clear distinctions between the undergraduate and graduate assignments; the courses are cross listed, and that information needs to be included in the course descriptions on the cover sheets of each proposal; the proposals mention a letter of support from Kimberly Kelly, the Director of the Gender Studies Program, but it is not included in the proposals; the point grading scale is confusing; and the additional learning outcomes are confusing. Crumpton moved to pass CO 4233/6233 and GS 4233/6233 contingent upon the outlined concerns being addressed. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved unanimously.

Carr moved to approve the modification of KI 2023 Foundations of Health Education. Moser seconded the motion. Committee members discussed that the modification removed a course prerequisite. The motion to approve the modification was approved unanimously.

Carr moved to approve the addition of CVM 4193/6193 Foundations of Health Education. Welch seconded the motion. Dr. Trey Howell appeared in support of the motion. Committee members were concerned that Dr. Howell does not currently have graduate faculty status, and the course description on the proposal cover sheet does not list any prerequisites while the proposal does list prerequisites. Committee members also discussed the proposal etiquette rule concerning cellular telephones and whether it complies with university policy. Crumpton moved to pass CVM 4193/6193 contingent upon the outlined concerns being addressed. Cox seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved unanimously.

Crumpton moved to approve the addition of EN 4473/6473 Phonetics and PSY 4473/6473 Phonetics. Babski-Reeves seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously. Rigsby moved to approve the modification of the minor in Linguistics. Sherman-Morris seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Carr moved to approve the addition of CVM 8822 Advanced Surgical Techniques. Crumpton seconded the motion. Committee members were concerned that the course description on the cover sheet and the course description in the proposal did not match; whether the class room etiquette rule concerning use of cellular telephones complies with university policy; the grading scale refers to undergraduate students; the description of the contact hours need to be clarified; and the evaluating of communication skills needs to be outlined in greater detail. Hunt moved to table the proposal based upon the concerns outlined above. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion to table the proposal passed unanimously.

Hunt moved to approve modification of the Bachelor of Science in Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Conservation Law Enforcement. Welch seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Welch moved to adjourn. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

