

Minutes

University Committee on Courses and Curricula

October 21, 2011

- Present: Angi Bourgeois, Amy Adkerson, Russell, Carr, Yogi Dandass, Grady Dixon, Delores Hudson, Dipangker Dutta, Gloria Liddell, Rebecca Long, Ben Magbanua, Erdogan Memili, David Morse, Sharon Nobles, Charles Palmer, Tommy Parker, David Peebles, John Rigsby, Betty Scarborough, Emily Schultz, Jack Smith, Mark Welch, Robert Wolverton, and Shelby Balius
- Excused: Kathy Huffman, Migzhou Jin, Wes Schilling, Michael Thomas, John Wyatt, and Carly Warner
- Unexcused: None
- Proxy: Bob Wolverton, Jr. for Pat Matthes, and Karin Lee for Pam Sullivan
- Guest: Janet Rafferty and Molly Zuckerman from Anthropology, James Fowler from Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Lynda Moore from Athletic Academic Advising

Bourgeois called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011, in Room 325 of the Union. Bourgeois introduced Janet Rafferty and Molly Zuckerman from Anthropology, and James Fowler from Electrical and Computer Engineering. Bourgeois reminded the committee and guests that guests would be excused before the final discussion and vote on curriculum proposals.

Wolverton moved, seconded by Palmer, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2011 meetings. Morse noted that he had attended the September meeting and a correction for a misspelled word in the minutes. The motion passed unanimously as corrected.

Wolverton moved, seconded by Palmer, to remove from the table AN 1343 Introduction to Biological Anthropology and the BA in Anthropology degree, and the modification of AN 1343 from the Social/Behavioral Science category to the Natural Science category in the General Education Core. Rafferty and Zuckerman provided details on the modification of AN 1343 and the Anthropology program, and addressed specific questions about lab activities and required credit hours. Schultz moved, seconded by Liddell, to pass AN 1343 Introduction to Biological Anthropology and the BA in Anthropology degree, and the modification of AN 1343 from the Social/Behavioral Science category to the Natural Science category in the General Education Core contingent on a clarification of the required credit hours. The motion passes contingent with one abstention.

Dandass moved, seconded by Memili, to approve the modification of the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (Campus 1 and Campus 5), and the Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering (Campus 1 and Campus 5). The modification would merge the Electrical Engineering graduate-level degrees and the Computer Engineering graduate-level degrees to become the MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering degrees. Fowler explained that the changes are consistent with recent national trends that have seen Electrical and Computer Engineering departments eliminate stand-alone graduate CPE degrees, opting instead for a combined ECE degree. The deletions and renaming are intended to apply to both campus-1 and campus-5 degrees, effectively reducing the number of graduate degrees offered by the department from eight to four. Bourgeois stated that the IHL form should be revised to reflect the potential number of graduates in the combined degrees and a clarification on statement that MSU is “the sole academic department in the state to offer comprehensive graduate education at both the masters as well as doctoral levels in both electrical engineering and computer engineering...” The motion passes with one abstention.

Russell moved, seconded by Wolverton, to approve the addition of PSS 1113 The Gardening Experience. The motion passes with one abstention.

Palmer moved, seconded by Wolverton, to approve the addition of ART 4053 Watermedia Painting. The motion passes with one abstention.

Palmer moved, seconded by Wolverton, to approve the addition and AOCE offering of CO 2463 Writing for Digital Media, and CO 4233/6233 Politics and Film. Questions were raised about the instructor of record, why the course would only be offered through distance, and how CO 2463 is different from the current course CO 3313 News Writing for Electronic Media. Wolverton moved, seconded by Shultz to table the proposals. The motion to table passed with one abstention.

Wolverton moved, seconded by Memili, to approve the deletion of WFA 4193/6193 Crustacean & Molluscan Aquaculture. The motion passes with one abstention.

Balius moved, seconded by Wyatt, to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.