

Minutes
University Committee on Course and Curricula
Mississippi State University
March 22, 2013

- Present: Amy Adkerson, Angi Bourgeois, Yogi Dandass, Dipangkar Dutta, Dana Franz, Hudson Frey, Mitzy Johnson, Bob Otondo, Emily Owen, Tommy Parker, Melinda Pilkinton, Whitney Ray, John Rigsby, Wes Schilling, Emily Schultz, Kathy Sherman-Morris, Barry Stewart, Pam Sullivan, Kirk Swortzel, Jenny Turner, Bob Wolverton
John Wyatt
- Excused: Linda Buehler, Russell Carr, Amy Crumpton, Hudson Frey, Rob Moore, David Peebles
- Absent: Ben Magbanua, Charles Palmer, James Warnock, Mark Welch, Vemitra White
- Proxy: Tyler Camp for Hudson Frey, Chander Sharma for David Peebles, Robert Wolverton, Jr. for Pat Matthes
- Guests: Sadik Artunc, Mathew Berg, John Bickle, Albert Bisson, Josie Guerry, Mark Novotny, Brecken Rush, Michael Seymour, John Thomason, Diane Wall, Keisha Walters, Heather Webb, Carrick Williams, Jon Woody, Haimeng Zhang

Bourgeois called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. on Friday, March 22 in room 324 of the Student Union. Bourgeois welcomed the members of the committee to the meeting. John Wyatt moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2013 meeting, and Barry Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dandass moved to approve the modification of the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and the modification of ECE 3724. Franz seconded. Josie Guerry was present in support of the proposals. Members of the committee pointed out that the course change is a prerequisite change, and the degree change replaces a free elective with a required course. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Dandass moved to approve the addition and distance delivery of CHE 4143/6143. Bob Wolverton seconded the motion. Dr. Keisha Walters was present in support of the proposal. Committee members were concerned that academic honesty and the target audience were not mentioned for the distance aspect of the proposal. Other concerns were that the graduate requirements for the course are too general, and there was no chart or explanation of the equivalency in the delivery of the course via distance. Wyatt moved, and Schultz seconded to approve the course addition and distance delivery of the course contingent upon the above mentioned concerns being addressed. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Franz moved to approve the distance delivery of PS 1113. Dandass seconded the motion. Dr. Diane Wall was present in support of the motion. Members of the committee pointed out that the information that was not previously included in the proposal was now included. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Otondo moved to approve addition of CVM 8080, and Sherman-Morris seconded. Dr. John Thomason was present in support of the motion. Committee members had concerns that the course description was too long, and there would be difficulty administering the course since the course credits can vary. Committee members felt that the management of the class needs to be better defined since the class will be administered with students receiving different credits for the course. Bob Wolverton moved to table the proposal, and Swortzel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rigsby moved to approve the addition DSS 0113, 0213, 0313, 0413, 0513, 0613, 0713, 0813, and 0913. Bob Wolverton seconded. Brecken Rush was present in support of the proposals. Committee members noted that the proposals mention the support of the College of Education's Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. These are actually two departments: the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology, and the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education. Committee members felt that the paragraph that states how a student earns a satisfactory grade is confusing and that the attendance requirements need to be clarified. Committee members also questioned the method of instruction for the employment practicums. Wyatt moved to approve the addition of the courses contingent upon the above stated concerns being addressed. Schultz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Wolverton moved to approve the addition of PHI 3043, 3163, 3173, the deletion of PHI 4313/6133, 6213 and the modification of PHI 4213/6213. Stewart seconded the motion. Dr. Albert Bisson and Dr. John Bickle were present in support of the proposals. Committee members were concerned that due to possible overlap or duplication regarding material in the course PHI 4213/6213, a letter of support needs to be requested from the Department of Leadership and Foundation in the College of Education. A staff member from the Registrar's Office pointed out that regarding the modification of PHI 4213/6213 to 3213, the number 3213 is not eligible to be used. Committee members also pointed out that PHI 3173 has a course description that is too long. Also in PHI 3173, committee members were concerned that there is a possibility of more than 10% of the course being based on attendance. Wyatt moved to approve the above course changes contingent upon the above stated concerns being addressed. Dandass seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Bob Wolverton moved to approve the addition of ST 8433, 8553, 8563, 8733, and 8743. Stewart seconded the motion. Dr. John Woody and Dr. Haimeng Zhang were present in support of the proposals. Committee members were concerned that while the proposals indicated there was no duplication with other classes, the classes are very common in several departments. Committee members indicated that duplication is not always detrimental

because the subject can be tailored specifically for that department. Committee members felt the proposals should acknowledge that there is duplication with other departments and attach letters from other departments indicating that the duplication will not create a problem. Bob Wolverton moved to approve the course additions contingent upon the above stated concern being addressed. Schilling seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Franz moved to approve the modification of PSY 4733/6733, and Wyatt seconded the motion. Dr. Carrick Williams was present in support of the proposal. Committee members pointed out that there is nothing attached to the course approval form to explain the proposal. Schilling moved to pass the proposal contingent upon sufficient information being submitted to explain the course modification. Bob Wolverton seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously. Wyatt moved to approve the modification in the Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Dandass seconded the motion. Dr. Williams explained that the modification was being made to allow students to pursue a minor. The motion passed unanimously.

Swortzel moved to approve the proposals to add LA 4113/6113, 4124/6124, 4514/6514, 8545, 8751, to modify LA 8512, 8522, 8532, 8741 and modify the Master Degree in Landscape Architecture. Dr. Sadik Artunc and Dr. Michael Seymour were present in support of the proposals. Committee members were concerned that there was not a syllabus attached to each new course. While a syllabus is not required, it helps committee members understand the course better. Committee members also questioned why the course outlines were sorted by the week and not by the topic, that some of the courses need more content, that some of the modification courses should be additions instead of modifications because over 50 % of the course was modified, and the learning outcomes should be more specific. Franz moved to table the course and degree proposals. Stewart seconded. The motion to table the course and degree proposals passed unanimously.

Swortzel moved to approve the proposal to add a Ph.D. degree in Physics, and Otondo seconded the motion. Dr. Mark Novotny and Dr. Matthew Berg were present in support of the proposal. Committee members were concerned they did not know enough about the degree because Appendix 8 was not included with the request for the new degree. Committee members were also interested in determining whether a letter of support from the College of Engineering was requested. Franz moved to table the proposal, and Wyatt seconded. The motion to table the proposal passed unanimously. Franz moved to approve the proposal to add distance to PH 1021. Swortzel seconded the motion. Committee members had concerns about a lack of equivalency between the face to face delivery and the distance version of the course. Wyatt moved to table the proposal, and Schilling seconded the motion. The motion to table passed unanimously. Swortzel moved to approve the proposal to add PH 8323/ECE 8323, and Franz seconded the motion. The motion was to approve passed unanimously.

Swortzel moved to approve the previously tabled Kinesiology proposals to modifying EP 8203, deleting EP 8273, 8433, adding 8503 and modifying the Master Degree in Kinesiology. Franz seconded the motion. Dr. Heather Webb appeared in support of the proposals. Committee

members were concerned that the hours in the Master Degree were not correct, and the grading scale in EP 8503 needs to be corrected. Schultz moved to approve the degree and course proposals contingent upon the concerns outlined above being corrected. Otondo seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Dandass moved to approve the proposals to add a Ph.D. in Kinesiology; to delete EP 6113, EP 8273, EP 8433, PE 6163, PE 8193, PE 8213, PE 8623; and to add EP 8203, EP 8503, KI 8903, KI 8913, KI 8923, KI 8933, KI 8943, KI 8953. Schilling seconded. Committee members expressed concerns that the Ph.D. proposal does not have 90 hours as required by the College of Education; that there are questions about the core; that there were questions about the content of the seminar courses; that the admission requirements were not included; that while a minor was required, the hours for a minor did not match; and the courses' 24 character descriptions were not correct. One committee member voted in favor of the proposals, and nine members voted against the proposals. The proposals were not approved.

Franz moved to approve the proposal to add CH 8213. Dandass seconded the motion. Committee members were concerned that there were no letters of support from faculty members that contained faculty members' signatures. Schilling moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above stated concern being addressed. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Sherman-Morris moved to approve distance learning for GR 8143. Swortzel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Otondo moved to approve the proposals to add EC 8063 and 8123. Swortzel seconded the motion. On EC 8063, the committee members were concerned that the proposal did not contain sufficient justification and included an older textbook. On EC 8123, the committee members were concerned that the syllabus contains a different title of course than the proposed course and there were no letters of support. Otondo reported that a letter of support was requested from the Math Department, but no response was made. Schilling moved to approve the two courses contingent upon the above stated concerns being addressed. Pilkinton seconded. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Franz moved to approve the proposal to modify EDE 4113, 4123, 4143, and RDG 4133. Swortzel seconded the motion. A staff member from the Registrar's Office suggested that the prerequisites need to be clarified for use by the Registrar's Office. Wyatt moved to pass contingent upon the above stated concern being addressed. Schultz seconded. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Franz moved to approve the proposals to modify EDS 6683 by adding distance learning. Swortzel seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Dandass moved to approve the addition and distance delivery of ECE 4293/6293, the deletion of ECE 4753/6753, and the addition of 4773/6773. Wyatt seconded. A staff member from the

Registrar's Office told the committee members that ECE 4773 has already been used and cannot be used again. Bourgeios announced that the course number can be handled as a technical change. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Franz moved to approve the Master Degree in Agribusiness Management. Stewart seconded the motion. Committee members were concerned about the wording requiring 12 hours of AEC electives. Wyatt moved to pass contingent upon the above stated concern being addressed. Schilling seconded. The motion to pass contingent passed unanimously.

Franz moved to approve the Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics. Dandass seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Swortzel moved to adjourn. Franz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m