

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Minutes for the Meeting of 16 March 2018  
2:00-4.00 P.M.  
Building 9 Room 005

**Members Present:** S. Abbotson (Chair), G. Auger, C. Cummings, S. Dixon, D. Espinosa, J. Magyar, C. Marco, C. McLaughlin (Secretary), S. Mueller, S. Pearlmutter, E. Simson, G. Stillwell, S. Zoll

**Student Members:** A. Diebold, S. Hackworth

**Members Excused:** S. Breen, J. Burke, S. Ross, J. Wu

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** F. Leazes, POL; Kristen Pepin, HPE; R.Kirkwood Auld, HPE; M. Michaud; English

1. Call to Order: 2:11
2. Motion to Approve Minutes: 15 December 2017. (Cummings/Magyar)  
Action: Unanimously Approved.
3. Report of the Chair
  - Website update.
    - No changes yet. Steven King has been consulted about the issues.
    - May see a content delivery system change...Maybe
  - Committees
    - Working to fill committees – faculty members are being contacted
    - Some members are staying
    - Ballots will be used if more than one representative is put forward by a department
4. Monthly Reports:
  - COGE – Monthly Report can be found at:  
[http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx)
  - Writing Board – Monthly Report can be found at:  
[http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx)
5. Old Business
  - Updates on various college-wide committees.
    - Experiential Learning group will meet in the future
    - Other committees will not meet at this time
6. New Business
  - 17-18-041 Approve the deletion of several courses that have not been offered in three or more years: ANTH 205, ANTH 308, ENGL 100, PHIL 165, PHIL 264, PHYS 411, SWRK 440, SWRK 442, and SWRK 444.  
**Action:** TABLE (in order to reconsider deleting SWRK 440)
  - 17-18-051 Approve the creation of a Medical Imaging Honors program, as well as MEDI 491-494 Independent Study in Medical Imaging through which students can undergo the research to gain Departmental Honors. This new prefix will be used in other upcoming proposals.  
**Action:** TABLE (signatures incomplete)

### ***Justice Studies***

#### ***Motion to Approve 17-18-084*** (Cummings/Marco)

- 17-18-084 Approve a revision to JSTD 466 Seminar in Justice Studies to add SOC 302 to the prerequisites.

***Discussion:*** Request to approve a revision to JSTD 466 Seminar in Justice Studies to add SOC 302 to the prerequisites to make sure students take it prior to this course. SOC 302 better prepares them for seminar work.

***Action:*** Unanimously Approved

### ***Modern Languages***

#### ***Motion to Approve 17-18-085*** (Dixon/Cummings)

- 17-18-085 Approve the creation of a new course, PORT 460 Seminar in Portuguese, to also be required in the Portuguese concentration of the Modern Language program.

***Discussion:*** Requests asks for approval for a new course, PORT 460 Seminar in Portuguese, to also be required in the Portuguese concentration of the Modern Language program. PORT 460 replaces one required course at the 300-level. The original Program credit count is actually reduced by one credit on the upper limit (now 47-49).

***Action:*** Unanimously Approved

### ***Communication***

#### ***Motion to Bundle & Approve 17-18-086 and 17-18-087*** (Marco/Cummings)

- 17-18-086 Approve a revision to COMM 246 Television Production to add an additional prerequisite (COMM 244) to ensure student success.
- 17-18-087 Requests approval for a revision to the COMM concentration in Media Communication, by which students will be required to take COMM 246 (previously it was an elective requirement), and to keep the credit count the same, to move COMM 302 Writing for News and Public Relations, from being required to an elective requirement.

***Discussion:*** Requests approval for an additional prerequisite for COMM 246 Television Production, to become COMM 234 and COMM 244, and then switch COMM 246 with COMM 302 Writing for News and Public Relations, so that COMM 246 becomes the required course; COMM 302 would then be moved to the elective requirements.

This better suits the demands and expected skill sets of the concentrations.

***Action:*** Unanimously Approved

### ***Political Science***

#### ***Motion to Approve 17-18-088*** (Cummings/Dixon)

- 17-18-088 Approve a new course, PBAD 326 Public Sector Information Systems, to be used as a replacement in the Public Administration program for the CIS 251 course that was recently deleted. This will raise the program by one credit to 41-44.

***Discussion:*** Requests approval for a new course PBAD 326 Public Sector Information Systems which will replace the deleted CIS 251. The new course will be better suited to meet the needs of PBAD majors. The new course is one credit more, so the total credit for the major will be raised by one, from 40-43 to 41-44.

***Action:*** Unanimously Approved

- 17-18-089 Approve the deletion of text from the catalog that tells students they can gain individual endorsements in the Secondary Ed. HIST major by taking extra courses in Anthropology or Sociology, as this is no longer an option with RIDE.

***Action:*** TABLE (signatures incomplete)

**Health and Physical Education**

**Motion to Bundle and Approve 17-18-090 – 17-18-092** (Cummings/Espinosa)

- 17-18-090 Approve a new course HPE 309 Exercise Prescription to be included as a required course in the Wellness and Movement Studies concentration of the CHW program. This will raise the total credits from 82-84 to 85-87.
- 17-18-091 Approve a new course HPE 244 Group Exercise Instruction, to be included as a required elective in the Wellness and Movement Studies concentration of the CHW program.
- 17-18-092 Approve a new course HPE 310 Strength and Conditioning for the Athlete, to be included as a required elective in the Wellness and Movement Studies concentration of the CHW program.

**Discussion:** #90 requests approval for a new course: HPE 309 Exercise Prescription to be included as a required course in the Wellness and Movement Studies concentration of the CHW program. Total credits will be raised from 82-84 to 85-87. A forthcoming proposal is in the works that overhauls the CHW programs to try and reduce the total credits of each of the concentrations. Proposals #091 and #092 request approval for new courses HPE 244 Group Exercise Instruction, and HPE 310 Strength and Conditioning for the Athlete. These will be included as required electives in the Wellness and Movement Studies concentration of the CHW program.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

7. Motion to adjourn. 2:41 (Zoll/Magyar)