

**Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Minutes**

April 17, 2015

2:00-4:00 P.M.

Board of Governors Room – Roberts Hall

**Members Present:** M. Aydogdu, S. Breene, P. Cordeiro, C. Cummings, S. Dixon, D. Espinosa, J. Magyar, C. Marco (Co-Secretary), C. McLaughlin (Chair), S. Mueller, R. Pitt, S. Ross, A. Shonkwiler, E. Simson, S. Spinette

**Student Members:** P. Herd, J. Sherry

**Members Excused:** V. LaFerla, D. Halquist, B. MacDonald

**Guests:** J. Aflague, NURS; M. Baker, ANTH; V. Endress, COMM; A. Kiser, HIST; P. Little, ANTH; M. Michaud, WB

1. Call to Order: 2:07
2. **Motion to Approve:** Minutes for meeting of March 20, 2015 (Aydogdu, Espinosa)  
**Action:** Approved unanimously.
3. Report of the Chair
  - Proposal Confusion: Proposal writers need to communicate with department Chairs regarding their proposals.
  - Possibility of Proposal workshops: A workshop may be offered by S. Abbott, and attendance is recommended.
  - UCC vacancies for next year: Please notify C. McLaughlin before next meeting if you intend to continue. (vacancies by: Murat Aydogdu, Pat Cordeiro, Carol Cummings, Dave Espinosa, Viv LaFerla, Bonnie MacDonald, Chris Marco)
4. Report of COGE: A written report will be sent to be posted.
5. Report of Writing Board
  - Completed successful professional development workshops this spring at the FCTL
  - A few members are leaving, and are looking for replacements
  - Is working with SSW on a course to help graduate students enter the program with strong writing skills
6. New Business

**Anthropology**

**Motion to approve: 14-15-089 (Espinosa, Magyar)**

- 14-15-089 **ANTH:** Revision to the prerequisite for ANTH 309

**Discussion:** Concerns were expressed regarding GE-SB as a prerequisite. A prerequisite is supposed to indicate that a certain body of knowledge is necessary to succeed in a course, and there were concerns that some courses in GE-SB would not provide that knowledge. Instead, a list of specific courses will be selected that will be appropriate for specific majors for whom the course would be most relevant (i.e., Nursing, Community health, and SW).

**Action:** Tabled until next meeting

**Motion to bundle and approve: 14-15-090, and 14-15-091 (Dixon, Espinosa)**

- 14-15-090 **ANTH:** Creation of a new Environmental Anthropology course: ANTH 361 to 346 *Environmental Anthropology*
- 14-15-091 **ANTH:** Creation of a new Environmental Justice course: ANTH 362 to 347 *Environmental Justice*

**Discussion:** C. McLaughlin noted that the proposed course numbers (361/362) cannot be used because x60 are for seminar classes. Proposed use of 346/347 instead. The current protocols will be withdrawn from the UCC website and will be re-uploaded with new protocol numbers 102/103.

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

### FYW

#### **Motion to approve: 14-15-092 (Aydogdu, Simson)**

- 14-15-092 **FYW:** Revision to name and prefix change for ENG 010, and the addition of one credit to create a four (4) credit course: FYW 010 - College Writing Strategies.

**Discussion:** E. Simson provided an historical explanation of which students have used the course.

**Action:** Approved unanimously

### Nursing

#### **Motion to approve 14-15-093 (Aydogdu, Magyar)**

- 14-15-093 **NURS:** Program change to limit the number of required NURSING credits a student may take to 12 per semester.

**Discussion:** A question was raised whether this could be accomplished through advising; however, students do not always listen to advising. R. Pitt asked whether this would impact a lot of students, and said that he could wait to sign off until that information was obtained from Records.

**Action:** For=14; Abstain=1

### Communication

#### **Motion to Bundle and Approve 14-15-094, 14-15-095, 14-15-096 (Espinosa, Magyar)**

- 14-15-094 **COMM:** Revise the prerequisite to COMM 333.
- 14-15-095 **COMM:** Creation of a new course: COMM 338: Communication for Health professionals.
- 14-15-096 **COMM:** Remove COMM 330 as the course prerequisite for COMM 452.

**Discussion:** For #095, correct the language from "hours credit" to "credit hours"

**Action:** Approved unanimously

### SED/History

#### **Motion to approve: 14-15-097 (Espinosa, Cordeiro)**

- 14-15-097 **SED/HIST:** Revise SED History program. Replace 214-215 ECON sequence with ECON 200 and add a writing intensive 300 level US or World history course.

**Discussion:** It was noted that ECON 200 is easier than ECON 214-215 and may not be a good substitute. Because this involves ECON courses, it should have signatures from the Chair and SOM Dean.

**Action:** Approved unanimously

### Environmental Studies

#### **Motion to Bundle and Approve: 14-15-098 through 14-15-101 (Espinosa, Ross)**

- 14-15-098 **ENST:** Add new classes to the ENST curriculum: ENG 315: Literature, Environment and Ecocriticism, and HIST 358: Environmental History. Add Existing courses to the program: PHIL 320: Philosophy of Science; ANTH 214: Amazonia; ANTH 325: South American Indians; POL 327: Internship in State Government as a capstone alternative.
- 14-15-099 **ENG:** Creation of a new course: ENG 315 Literature, Environment and Ecocriticism
- 14-15-100 **GEOG:** Revise name of GEOG 100. The new title will be: Geography 100: Introduction to Environmental Geography.
- 14-15-101 **HIST:** Creation of a new course: HIST 358 Environmental History.

**Discussion:** Clarification was requested regarding which courses were electives vs. capstone. It was mentioned that this might be utilized as a content major in Education.

**Action:** Approved unanimously

7. Other New Business: None

8. Motion to adjourn. 3:05