

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Minutes for the Meeting of 9 May 2018  
12:30-12.40 P.M.  
SU 307  
(2018-2019 UCC) – New Members and Elections  
**Part 1**

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

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

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

1. Call to Order: 12:24
2. Introduce new members, explain duties.
  - Alexey Shabalin – Music and Dance
  - Lisa Owen - Dean representing FSEHD
  - Murat Aydogdu – Economics and Finance
3. **Motion to Approve:** Nominations to the 2018-2019 Executive Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in the categories of Chair, Secretary, and two additional members. (J. Burke/D.Espinosa)
  - Nominations for Chair:
    - i. Susan Abbotson
    - ii. Others? None forthcoming
  - Nominations for Secretary:
    - i. Charlie McLaughlin\*\*
    - ii. Others? None forthcoming
  - Nominations for two members of the Executive Committee:
    - i. Chris Marco and Carol Cummings
    - ii. Others? None forthcoming

\*\* McLaughlin will be on Sabbatical in Fall 2018; Giselle Auger will be secretary during that semester

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

**Motion to Vote:** Slate for 2018-2019 Officers of the UCC

**Action:** Approved – 1 abstention
4. Motion to adjourn. Committee – 12:40

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**Part 2**

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

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** P. Gullapalli, Anthropology; A. Del Vecchio, Physical Sciences; Bonnie MacDonald, Communication; K. Almeida, Physical Sciences

1. Call to order: 12:41

2. **Motion to Approve:** Minutes: 20 April 2018. (Espinosa/Hackworth)

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

3. Report of the Chair

- Committee Membership for 2018-2019
  - i. Committee placements have been filled – Many Thanks!
- Summer activities: Academic RhodeMaps; Sharepoint Updates; Website and Catalog.
  - i. Work will be on-going in these areas; 56 RhodeMaps will be updated, and someone has been hired to reassemble the UCC and GC archives.

4. Annual Reports:

- COGE - [http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/Pages/Annual-Reports.aspx](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Annual-Reports.aspx)
- Student Designed Majors – **Tabled** (to be submitted at a later date once compiled)
- Honors College - [http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/Pages/Annual-Reports.aspx](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Annual-Reports.aspx)
- Writing Board - [http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/Pages/Annual-Reports.aspx](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Annual-Reports.aspx)

5. Old Business

**Social Work**

**Motion to Bundle and Approve 17-18-102 – 17-18-110 & 17-18-127**

(Cummings/Mueller)

- 17-18-102 Approve revisions to the Social Work BSW program, to eliminate ECON 200 as a required course. Program totals are also changing due to several courses being moved to four credits (along with some changes to titles and descriptions) so the total credit for the program will be 70-80 (largely depending on fieldwork choices—the total also includes two General Education courses that will double count).
- 17-18-103 Approve revisions to SWRK 240 to become SWRK 200 Introduction to Social Work, with new title, description and one more credit.
- 17-18-104 Approve revisions to the title and description of SWRK 302 Social Work Research I, and a new prerequisite.

- 17-18-105 Approve revisions to SWRK 320 Policy Analysis and Practice, to add a credit, change its number, prerequisite, title and description (courses using this as a prerequisite also need updating—it is being dropped from SWRK 426, but will switch 320 to 301 in SWRK 436, 463, and 464).
- 17-18-106 Approve revisions to SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I, to add a credit, change its prerequisite, title and description.
- 17-18-107 Approve revisions to SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II, to add a credit, change its prerequisite, title and description
- 17-18-108 Approve revisions to SWRK 326 to add a credit, change its prerequisite and description
- 17-18-109 Approve revisions to SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice to add a credit, change its title and description
- 17-18-110 Approve revisions to SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/ Models to add a credit, change its title and description.
- 17-18-127 Approve a new course SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II, to become required in the major and as this will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution, it will not “technically” add to the total credits.

**Discussion:** These requests seek approval for revisions to the Social Work BSW program: **#102** eliminates ECON 200 as a required course. Program credit totals will change as several courses are now four credits; their titles and some descriptions are being updated to better reflect current practice. The BSW program is adding emphasis in social justice and economic inequality; the total credits for the revised program will be 70-80 depending on choices. **#103** Requests approval for revisions to SWRK 240 making it: SWRK 200 Introduction to Social Work, with new title, description and adding one credit. **#104** Seeks approval for revisions to the title of SWRK 302 Social Work Research Methods, and a new prerequisite. **#105** Requests approval for revisions to SWRK 320 Policy Analysis and Practice, adding 1 credit, change its number, prerequisite, title and description. **#106** Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I, to add 1 credit, change its prerequisite, title and description. **#107** Requests approval of revisions to SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II, to add 1 credit, change its prerequisite, title and description. **#108** Seeks approval for revisions to SWRK 326 Generalist Social Work Practice to add 1 credit, change its prerequisite and description. **#109** Requests approval for revisions to SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice to add 1 credit, change its title and description. And **#110** asks to approve revisions to SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/ Models to add 1 credit, change its title and description. **#127** Requests approval for a new course SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II, as required in the major, will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution, it will not add to the total credits as it can double count with the Gen. Eds.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

## 6. New Business

### **Chemistry/Physical Sciences**

#### **Motion to Bundle and Approve 17-18-112 & 17-18-113 (Marco/Zoll)**

- 17-18-112 Approve a revision to CHEM 310 Biochemistry to add a credit. If approved this will add one credit to all of the BA and BS Chemistry programs, as well as to two Health Science programs.
- 17-18-113 Approve a revision of the Chemistry Minor to remove CHEM 310 as an option, and indicate which 400-level courses can be used to complete.

**Discussion: #112** Seeks approval for a revision to CHEM 310 Biochemistry by adding 1 credit and make the course more rigorous for the Chemistry program. This will add one credit to all of the BA and BS Chemistry programs, as well as to two Health Science programs. **#113** Requests approval for a revision of the Chemistry Minor by removing CHEM 310 as a minor course option. The revised option will be more advanced than a student pursuing the minor will need. Advisors will indicate which 400-level courses can be used in its place to complete the requirements of the Minor.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Mathematics and Computer Sciences**

**Motion to Approve 17-18-114** (Burke/Magyar)

- 17-18-114 Approve the revision of CSCI 422 Introduction to Computation Theory to add an hour, change the prerequisite, description, and when offered.

**Discussion:** Requests approval for a change to the prerequisites of CSCI 422, increase the credits by 1; from three to four and change the offering to Spring “as needed”. The course will also better align with its URI equivalent. Since this is an elective in both CSCI and CIS, the extra credit will not affect any of these program totals.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Secondary Education/Biology**

**Motion to Approve 17-18-115** (Auger/Hackworth)

- 17-18-115 Approve the revision of the Secondary Ed. Biology program to exchange BIOL 335 Human Physiology for BIOL 231 Introductory Physiology of Plants and Animals in the program; these courses have the same credits, but the 231 contains better material for these students’ program.

**Discussion:** Request to approve the revision of the Secondary Ed. Biology program to replace BIOL 335 Human Physiology for BIOL 231 Introductory Physiology of Plants and Animals; no credit change because these courses have the same credits.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Anthropology**

**Motion to Bundle and Approve 17-18-116 – 17-18-118** (Hackworth/Dixon)

- 17-18-116 Approve the deletion of ANTH 208 Anthropological Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender as unnecessary as they have another course that covers very similar material, and it is not a required course.
- 17-18-117 Approve the deletion of ANTH 346 Anthropology of Economic Development and Globalization as there is no one left in the department able to teach it and it is not a required course.
- 17-18-118 Approve the deletion of ANTH 431 Gender, Environment and Development as there is no one left in the department able to teach it and it is not a required course.

**Discussion:** These three proposals request approval for the deletion of three Anthropology courses: **#116** ANTH 208 Anthropological Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender due to duplication of course content in another course; **#117** ANTH 346 Anthropology of Economic Development and Globalization and **#118** ANTH 431 Gender, Environment and Development because there is no one left in the department able to teach them and they are not required courses.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### ***Liberal Studies***

#### ***Motion to Approve 17-18-119*** (Dixon/Espinosa)

- 17-18-119 Approve the revision of the Liberal Studies program to reduce the number of courses needed to complete, and the number of areas that have to be covered.

***Discussion:*** Requests approval for the revision of the Liberal Studies program to adjust the number of courses needed to complete the program. The proposal asks for the reduction of the number of areas that have to be covered. It has been realized that the initial program plan was an unnecessarily strenuous expectation, and this revised version will be more feasible and attractive to students.

***Action: Unanimously Approved***

### ***Mathematics***

#### ***Motion to Approve 17-18-120*** (Magyar/Marco)

- 17-18-120 Approve the revision of MATH 120 to add a credit and update the description and prerequisite. This will add one credit to the Tech. Ed. BS concentration in teaching program.

***Discussion:*** The proposal requests approval of the revision of MATH 120 Intermediate Algebra, to add a credit and update the description, prerequisite, and add a summer offering. Many RIC students are in need of more extensive learning and/or strengthening of their foundational algebraic skills, and it is hoped this improved course will help meet that need. Adding to the previous prerequisite of MATH 010, the option of “appropriate score on the placement exam” will ensure the students taking this course are the best fit.

***Action: Unanimously Approved***

### ***English***

#### ***Motion to Approve 17-18-121*** (Cummings/Espinosa)

- 17-18-121 Approve revisions to most of the English Department’s upper-level courses in an effort to merge the offerings and become more flexible in scheduling classes that speak to the faculty’s strengths and students’ interests. Some courses will be deleted, other courses will be expanded in scope and have title and description updates to reflect this. ENGL 481 is being renumbered to better reflect its seminar status and ENGL 432 is getting an expanded prerequisite.

***Discussion:*** Requests approval for revisions to the English Department’s upper-level courses in an effort to merge the offerings and become more flexible in scheduling classes. Some courses will be deleted, other courses will be expanded in scope and have title and description updates to reflect this. ENGL 481 is being renumbered to better reflect its seminar status and ENGL 432 is getting an expanded prerequisite.

***Action: Action: Unanimously Approved***

### ***Management***

#### ***Motion to Bundle and Approve 17-18-122 & 17-18-123*** (Cummings/Marco)

- 17-18-122 Approve revision of Operations Management concentration (MGT), to make MGT 322 Organizational Behavior required and MGT 335 Process Management an elective, and reduce the number of electives to TWO. The overall total will be reduced.
- 17-18-123 Approve a revision to MGT 329 to renumber it to MGT 465 Organizational Theory, to work as a seminar, with an updated title, description, and prerequisite. It remains an elective in all concentrations.

**Discussion: #122** Requests approval for a revision of the Operations Management concentration (MGT): make MGT 322 Organizational Behavior a required course and MGT 335 Process Management becomes an elective, and reduce the number of electives to two. **#123** Asks for approval of a revision to MGT 329: renumber as MGT 465 Organizational Theory; offer it as a seminar; update title, description, and its prerequisite. It will remain an elective in all MGT concentrations

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Philosophy**

**Motion to Approve 17-18-124** (Zoll/Mueller)

- 17-18-124 Approve a new course PHIL 207 Technology and the Future of Humanity.

**Discussion:** The hope is that this course will better serve to CSCI BS program in the future than their current choice of PHIL 206 Ethics (and they have been informed of its submission), as well as other students interested in the philosophical and ethical aspects of science and technology in particular.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Anthropology**

**Motion to Approve 17-18-125** (Magyar/Espinosa)

- 17-18-125 Approve a new course ANTH 235 Bones and Stones: How Archaeologists Know. This will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Physics**

**Motion to Approve 17-18-126** (Magyar/Marco)

- 17-18-126 Approve a new course PHYS 120 The Extraordinary Physics of Ordinary Things. This will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

### **Communication**

**Motion to Bundle & Approve 17-18-128 – 17-18-132** (Espinosa/Mueller)

- 17-18-128 Approve the creation of a new concentration in Communication: Journalism. It will utilize existing courses, as well as three additional new courses.
- 17-18-129 Approve the revision of COMM 302 to become COMM 201 Writing for News, with a change in title and number. Due to several courses that used COMM 302 as a prerequisite, they will each be revised to read COMM 201 or COMM 302. This affects COMM 311, 312, 346, 377, and will be used for the new COMM 303.

- 17-18-130 Approve a new course to be used in the Journalism concentration: COMM 252 Multimedia Journalism I
- 17-18-131 Approve a new course to be used in the Journalism concentration: COMM Multimedia Journalism II
- 17-18-132 Approve a new course to be used in the Journalism concentration: COMM 303 Advanced Reporting and Interview

**Discussion: #128** Requests approval for the creation of a new concentration in Communication: Journalism. It will utilize existing courses, as well as three new courses submitted in proposals **#130, 131 and 132**: COMM 252 Multimedia Journalism I, COMM 252 Multimedia Journalism II and COMM 303 Advanced Reporting and Interview. **#129** asks for approval for the revision of COMM 302 to become COMM 201 Writing for News, with a change in title and number, to better indicate its use in the new program (and two other COMM concentrations) as an introductory course. Due to several courses that used COMM 302 as a prerequisite, they will each be revised to read COMM 201 or COMM 302. This affects COMM 311, 312, 346, 377, and will be used for the new COMM 303.

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

7. Any Other Business - **None**
8. Motion to adjourn 1:30 (Magyar/Espinosa)