

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes for the Meeting of 20 December 2019
2:00 - 4.00 P.M.
Room 307, Student Union

Attendance:

Present: S. Abbotson, D. Abrahamson, M. Aydogdu, T. Borgerding, J. Diem, D. Espinosa, D. Hewins, C. McLaughlin, L. Owen, S. Pearlmutter, S. Ross, J. Sawyer, E. Simson, T. Weinstein, S. Zoll.

Student member: B. Stevenson, S. Hackworth

Excused: G. Auger, S. Dixon, J. Magyar

Absent:

Guests: Derek Sherlock (Student), Leslie Schuster (GWS), Namita Sarawagi (Math/CSCI), Cara McDermott-Fasy (SPED), Robyn Linde (POL/INGOS), Amy Barlow (Library)

1. Call to Order: 2:03
2. Motion to Approve minutes: 15 November 2019 (Espinosa/Sawyer)
Action: Approved Unanimously
3. Report of the Chair
 - UCC Manual has been updated with the deletion of the OCESS annual report.
 - Records was able to revise the title and prerequisite for HIST 207 for Spring 2020, but the catalog will not be updated until Fall 2020; this will be how Spring requests for changes will be handled.
 - Classes not taught in the past three or more years; one from FSEHD and 20 from FAS, along with the Labor Studies Minor (AFRI will be having its Core 3 designation deleted). Proposal will be submitted for the Feb. meeting.
4. Monthly Reports:
 - COGE (none this month)
 - Writing Board (none this month)
5. Old Business

Mathematics

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-009 - 19-20-011 with 19-20-057 (Zoll/Hackworth)

- 19-20-009 Approve the creation of a new course, MATH 245 Principles of Data Science for use in a new Statistical Modeling minor.
- 19-20-010 Approve the creation of a new course, MATH 345 Linear Models for Data Science for use in a new Statistical Modeling minor.
- 19-20-011 Approve the revision of MATH 445 Advanced Statistical Methods for use in a new Statistical Modeling minor. It will add one credit to become 4 credits, and update the description and prerequisites (this will no longer be cross-listed with MGT 249).

Discussion: #057 requests approval for a new 20 credit minor in Statistical Modeling that will use two new courses, one revised course, and two existing ones. New courses will be: #009 MATH 245 Principles of Data Science, and #010 MATH 345 Linear Models for Data Science, and #011 revises MATH 445 Advanced Statistical Methods to add one credit to become 4 credits, and update the description and prerequisites.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Music, Theater, Dance

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-013 - 19-20-018 (Aydogdu/Hackworth)

- 19-20-013 Approve revisions to the DANCE major that will delete two courses completely (also being deleted from the catalog: namely the previously required DANC 302: Dance for Musical Resources and the elective DANC 320: Touring Dance). The changes will change the total credits from 62 to 61-63, but eight of these will double-count toward Gen Ed. (DANC 215 and BIOL 108). Students will get fairer credit for their work in the Dance Company courses DANC 181, 281 and 381, and will be required to take new courses in DANC 116 Beginner Modern Technique, and DANC 343 Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Dancer, and have the elective DANC 333 Dance Studio Teaching and Styles. The cognates will also be updated to reflect changes in requirements, DANC 324 Improvisation/performance will be moved from being required to a required elective, and the other required electives will be updated.
- 19-20-014 Approve the revision of the DANC minor to reflect changes that are being requested in the major. The minor will go from 19-21 credits to 23-24, and will be a stronger program.
- 19-20-015 Approve the creation of a new course: DANC 116 Beginner Modern Technique as a required course in the Dance major and minor and as a possible elective for others.
- 19-20-016 Approve revisions to DANC 181 Dance Company I, DANC 281 Dance Company II, DANC 381 Dance Company III, to allow them to be repeated for credit. The description will be updated to reflect this.
- 19-20-017 Approve the creation of a new course: DANC 333 Dance Studio Teaching and Styles as an elective for the DANC major.
- 19-20-018 Approve the creation of a new course: DANC 343 Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Dancer for use in the Dance major; this will replace the former requirement of HPE 411 Kinesiology and be more specifically focused on the dancer.

Discussion: 19-20-013 requests approval for revisions to the DANCE major that will delete DANC 302: Dance for Musical Resources and DANC 320: Touring Dance. The revisions will alter the total credits from 62 to 61-63, (eight of these, DANC 215 and BIOL 108, will double-count toward Gen Ed). Students will receive suitable credit in DANC 181, 281 and 381, and will be required to take new courses in DANC 116 Beginner Modern Technique, and DANC 343 Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Dancer and have the elective DANC 333 Dance Studio Teaching and Styles. The cognates will also be updated to reflect changes in requirements, DANC 324 Improvisation/performance will be moved from being required to a required elective, and the other required electives will be updated. #014 seeks approval for revisions to the DANC minor to reflect changes that are being requested in the major. The minor will go from 19-21 credits to 23-24. The new courses are #015 DANC 116 Beginner Modern Technique which will also be a possible elective for students outside the dance programs, #017 DANC 333 Dance Studio Teaching and Styles, and #018 DANC 343 Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Dancer that will replace the former requirement of HPE 411 Kinesiology and be more specifically focused on the dancer. #016 revises DANC 181 Dance Company I, DANC 281 Dance Company II, DANC 381 Dance Company III, to allow them to be repeated for credit, and the description will be updated to reflect this.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

English

Motion to Approve: 19-20-020 (Espinosa/Hackworth)

- 19-20-020 Approve a revise to the description of ENGL 300 Introduction to Theory and Criticism to make it less literature focused.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

6. New Business

Sociology

Motion to Approve: 19-20-020 (Aydogdu/Weinstein)

- 19-20-021 Approve the revision of prerequisites for SOC 340 Police and Policing and SOC 341: Sociology of Punishment to make them more accessible.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

INGOS

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-022 - 19-20-028 and 19-20-042 (Weinstein/Aydogdu)

- 19-20-022 Approve revisions to the CUS in International Nongovernmental Organization Studies which will strengthen the program but reduce the number of credits from 26-27 to 23-24.
- 19-20-023 Approve revisions to the Minor in International Nongovernmental Organization Studies which will strengthen the program and raise the number of credits from 18-19 to 19-20.
- 19-20-024 Delete INGO 302 International Nongovernmental Organizations and Social Entrepreneurship to be replaced in the minor and CUS with the entrance level INGO 200 Community Engagement.
- 19-20-025 Approve revisions to the title and description of INGO 300 International NGOs and Nonprofits. Political Science (cross-lists as POL 345), as well as Global Studies and Environmental Studies programs also use this course.
- 19-20-026 Approve revisions to the title of INGO 301 Global Development, and add one more credit hour. Global Studies, Environmental Studies and Social Studies SED use this, just Global Studies will have its lower total credit total raised by one.
- 19-20-027 Approve the creation of a new course for use in the INGO CUS: INGO 305 Professional Development: International NGOS and Nonprofits.
- 19-20-028 Approve a revision to INGO 304 Internship in International NGOS and Nonprofits to reduce the number of hours per credit to make the total 120 hours rather than 180.

Description: #022 requests approval for revisions to the CUS in International Nongovernmental Organization Studies reducing the number of credits from 26-27 to 23-24. #023 seeks approval for revisions to the Minor in International Nongovernmental Organization Studies which will raise the number of credits from 18-19 to 19-20. #024 requests approval for the deletion of INGO 302 International Nongovernmental Organizations and Social Entrepreneurship to be replaced in the program by a new course: INGO 200 Community Engagement. #025 requests revisions to the title and description of INGO 300 International NGOs and Nonprofits. Political Science (cross-lists this as POL 345), as well as Global Studies and Environmental Studies programs also use this course. #026 requests revisions to the title of INGO 301 Global Development, and add one more credit hour. Global Studies, Environmental Studies and Social Studies SED use this, just Global Studies will have its lower total credit total raised by one. #027 requests the creation of a new course for use in the INGO CUS: INGO 305 Professional Development: International NGOS and Nonprofits. #028 requests a revision to INGO 304 Internship in International NGOS and Nonprofits to reduce the number of hours per credit to make the total 120 hours rather than 180. #042 requests a revised title for INGO 303 Pre-Internship in International NGOS and Nonprofits.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

Sociology/Justice Studies

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-029 - 19-20-031 (Zoll/Espinosa)

- 19-20-029 Approve a revision to the Justice Studies BA program to merge the previous restricted electives (3) and cognates (2) into a single list from which they choose five. Total credits will remain the same.
- 19-20-030 Approve a revision to JSTD 466 to add the word Senior to its title: JSTD Senior Seminar in Justice Studies.
- 19-20-031 Approve a revision to the number, title, description and prerequisite of SOC 361 Theories of Crime Seminar to reduce the recommended class size to allow for more writing instruction (this will be the same content as the SOC 309 The Sociology of Delinquency and Crime, but more writing intensive).

Description: #029 requests approval for a revision to the Justice Studies BA program to merge the previous restricted electives (3) and cognates (2) into a single list from which student choose five. Total credits will remain the same. #030 seeks approval for a revision to JSTD 466 to add the word Senior to its title: JSTD Senior Seminar in Justice Studies. #031 requests a revision to the number, title, description and prerequisite of SOC 361 Theories of Crime Seminar to reduce the recommended class size to allow for more writing instruction (this will be the same content as the SOC 309 The Sociology of Delinquency and Crime, but will become more writing intensive).

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

Mathematics and CSCI

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-032 - 19-20-025 (Aydogdu/Sawyer)

- 19-20-032 Approve a revision of the Computer Science BA program to add one new course: CSCI 309. This will raise the total credits to 48-51.
- 19-20-033 Approve a revision of the Computer Science BS program to add one new course: CSCI 309, and to drop the additional science requirement. This way the total credits will remain the same.
- 19-20-034 Approve the creation of a new course, CSCI 309 Object-Oriented Design for use in both the CSCI BA and BS programs.
- 19-20-035 Approve a revision of the prerequisites for CSCI 401 Software Engineering.

Discussion: These proposals seek approval for the creation of a new 4 credit course #034 CSCI 309 Object-Oriented Design as a required course in both the CSCI BA (#032) and BS programs (#033). The total credits of the BA will be raised to 49-51, but the BS program will also drop an additional science requirement to keep the total credits the same (75-78). #035 asks to revise the prerequisites for CSCI 401 Software Engineering to include this new course.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

Art

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-036 - 19-20-039 (Aydogdu/Ross)

- 19-20-036 Approve revision of the title and description for ART 232 Renaissance to Contemporary Art (this is a Gen Ed. A).
- 19-20-037 Approve revision of the title and description for ART 334 Studies in American Art and Architecture, which can now be repeated with a change in topic.
- 19-20-038 Approve revision of the title and description for ART 336 Studies in Nineteenth-Century European Art, which can now be repeated with a change in topic.
- 19-20-039 Approve revision of the title and description for ART 337 Studies in Modern and Contemporary Art, which can now be repeated with a change in topic.

Discussion: #036 requests approval for a revision of the title and description for ART 232 Renaissance to Contemporary Art. #037 seeks approval to revise the title and description for ART 334 Studies in American Art and Architecture, which can now be repeated with a change in topic. #038 requests approval for the revision of the title and description for ART 336 Studies in Nineteenth-Century European Art, which can now be repeated with a change in topic. #039 seeks approval for the revision of the title and description for ART 337 Studies in Modern and Contemporary Art, which can now be repeated with a change in topic.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

Political Science

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-040 - 19-20-041 (Aydogdu/Ross)

- 19-20-040 Approve a revision to the description of POL 341 The Politics of Developing Nations, change when offered, and to add a credit. This will affect several programs that use this course as a required elective, including the INGOS minor and certificate, Africana Studies major and minor, and the Environmental Studies major and minor, but will not affect their total credits. For the Global Studies major and International Business Minor (it will increase the lower total credits by one). For Modern Languages Latin American Studies concentration, it will increase the upper credit total by one.
- 19-20-041 Approve the creation of a new course POL 438 Middle East and North African Politics, that will also become a required elective in INGOS, and Global Studies.

Discussion: #040 requests approval for a revision to the description of POL 341 The Politics of Developing Nations, and add a credit. This will affect several programs that use this course as a required elective, including the INGOS minor and certificate, Africana Studies major and minor, the Environmental Studies major and minor, and Modern Languages Latin American Studies concentration but will not affect their total credits. For the Global Studies major and International Business Minor (it will increase the lower total credits by one). #041 Requests approve for the creation of a new course POL 348 Middle East and North African Politics, that will also become a required elective in INGOS, and Global Studies.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

INGOS

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-022 - 19-20-028 and 19-20-042 (Weinstein/Aydogdu)

- 19-20-042 Approve a revised title for INGO 303 Pre-Internship in International NGOs and Nonprofits.

Action: *Approved Unanimously (see above 19-20-022 - 19-20-028 for discussion)*

Gender and Women's Studies

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-043 and 19-20-058 (Sawyer/Hackworth)

- 19-20-043 Approve the creation of a new course GEND 205 Introduction to Queer Studies for use in the GEND major and minor programs, to be effective Spring 2020.

Discussion: #043 seeks approval for the creation of a new course GEND 205 Introduction to Queer Studies for use in the GEND major and minor programs, and as an offering in a new cross-disciplinary Queer Studies 19-20 credit minor (#058). So that current seniors might be able to graduate with this minor in May, it has been requested that they be made effective for Spring 2020.

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

Special Education

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-044 - 19-20-056 (Borderding /Sawyer)

- 19-20-044 Approve a revision in the description of SPED 210 Supporting Social, Emotional and Behavioral Learning, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-045 Approve a revision of the title and description of SPED 211 Supporting Students with Communication Needs, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-046 Approve a revision of the title and description of SPED 312 Assessment for Students with Special Needs, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-047 Approve a revision of the description of SPED 412 Intensive Intervention in Literacy, for Spring 2020.
- 19-20-048 Approve a revision of the title and description of SPED 427 Career and Transition Planning for Adolescents, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-049 Approve a revision of the description of SPED 435 Assessment/Instruction: Young Students with SID, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-050 Approve a revision of the description of SPED 436 Assessment/Instruction: Older Students with SID, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-051 Approve a revision of the description and prerequisite of SPED 453 Content-Based ESL Instruction for Exceptional Students, and add a credit to make it a 4-credit course, to be effective Spring 2020. This will add a credit to the total of two of the SPED concentrations.
- 19-20-052 Approve the deletion of SPED 454: Practicum in Teaching Content-based ESL, for Spring 2020.
- 19-20-053 Approve a revision of the description of SPED 458 STEM for Diverse Learners: Intensive Intervention, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-054 Approve a revision of the title and description of SPED 460 Capstone: Specialized Language Instruction, to be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-055 Approve revisions to the title and description of SPED 471 Student Teaching In Elementary Special Education, and to make it a variable credit 8-9, so students pursuing dual certification will have one less credit of student teaching as they have two of these to fulfil (though the program total will remain the same because of the increased credit in SPED 453. To be effective Spring 2020.
- 19-20-056 Approve a revision to the program title to become Concentration in Elementary Special Education, to be effective Spring 2020.

Discussion: In order to better reflect current terminologies in the field, these proposals are mostly just updating language in titles and descriptions of a variety of SPED courses, and they are all requesting a Spring 2020 effective date due to a Spring accreditation review. ***(Due to length of proposals and to alleviate redundancy, please review Committee actions for these proposals at:***

(http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Monthly-Actions.aspx)

Action: *Approved Unanimously*

Mathematics

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-009 - 19-20-011 with 19-20-057 (Zoll/Hackworth)

- 19-20-057 Approve a new 20 credit minor in Statistical Modeling within the Mathematics Department.
(see above 19-20-09 – 19-20-11 for discussion)

Action: Approved Unanimously

Gender and Women's Studies

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 19-20-043 and 19-20-058 (Sawyer/Hackworth)

- 19-20-058 Approve a new 19-20 credit minor in Queer Studies within the Gender and Women's Studies Department, to be effective Spring 2020. **(see above 19-20-043 for discussion)**

Action: Approved Unanimously

7. Any Other Business

Motion to Approve: UCC Manual Revision(Espinosa/Aydogdu)

- Approve a change to the UCC manual: delete the need for the Coordinator of First Year Seminar to sit on the Writing Board (they are on COGE and this is sufficient).

Action: Approved Unanimously

8. Motion to adjourn: 2:41 (McLaughlin/Ross)

Submitted: Respectfully submitted by Charlie McLaughlin