

Rhode Island College
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes for Meeting of
February 17, 2012
2:00-4:00 P.M.
Board of Governors Room

Present: S. Abbotson (presiding); M. Aydogdu; D. Blanchette; D. Espinosa; I. Greitzer; V. La Ferla; J. Magyar; B. MacDonald; C. McLaughlin (Secretary); J. Meade; P. Meyer; D. Huntley-Newby; T. Schmeling; E. Simson.

Excused: R. Auld; C. Marco; E. Rowell

Students: M. Osei;

Absent: A. Johnson

Guests: E. Hall; P. Morenan; T. Brennan; E.J. Minn; L. Schuster

1. Call to Order: 2:08
2. Minutes: Meeting of December 16, 2012 (Blanchette/MacDonald)
3. Report of the Chair
 - Progress of subcommittees
 - o Sub-Committees have met:
 - o Committee looking at credits is especially concerned about credit creep
 - o Electronic signatures committee met to review the process for creating and sending electronic signatures
 - Replacement member for open COGE seat (SB)
 - o Search for SB ongoing - faculty member would finish out the year.
 - o Updated composition of COGE to be approved (tabled awaiting more feedback)
4. Report of COGE: Handout from Jim Magyar follows Minutes
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - TECH ED**
Motion to approve and Bundle 11-12-19 & 11-12-120 (LaFerla/Meyer)
 - 11-12-119 Revise Technology Education to include a more effective Math sequence.
 - CTE**
 - 11-12-120 Revise Career and Technical Education certification to correct prerequisites.
Cleans up old prerequisites

Action: Approved Unanimously

- Biology**
Motion to approve and Bundle 11-12-121, 11-12-122, 11-12-140 (LaFerla/Espinosa)
 - 11-12-121 Revise BIOL Minor to reduce credits and hidden prereqs.
 - 11-12-122 Revise RADT 201 change prerequisites, title and when offered.
The prerequisites for BIOL 300 and 320 have changed and now require CHEM 103, 104 and 205.
These additional “hidden” prerequisites increase the credit requirements to almost 40 credits, which is unreasonable. This proposal eliminates the need for the CHEM courses and brings the minor back to a more reasonable level

Action: Approved Unanimously

Modern Language

- 11-12-123 Revise FREN 390 and 400, SPAN 400 and 460 to include prerequisites

Action: Approved Unanimously

Communication

Motion to approve and Bundle 11-12-124 through 11-12-133 (McLaughlin/Espinosa)

- 11-12-124 Revise COMM Public Relations program, to include Advertising alternatives
- 11-12-125 Revise COMM 301 from 3 to 4 credits
- 11-12-126 Revise COMM 311 from 3 to 4 credits and change prereq.
- 11-12-127 Revise COMM 338 to become COMM 334, same title, but added credit and change when offered.
- 11-12-128 Approve new course COMM 335 Advertising Research
- 11-12-129 Approve new course COMM 337 Advertising Strategy
- 11-12-130 Approve new course COMM 339 Advertising Creativity
- 11-12-131 Revise COMM 357 title, 3 to 4 credits and when offered.
- 11-12-132 Approve new course COMM 376 Advertising Laboratory
- 11-12-133 Revise COMM 377 3 to 4 credits and change prereqs.

The content of the Public Relations concentration has not been significantly revised in 15 years.

The changing content and standards of the field require a shifting of content and emphasis.

Program changes reflect use of social media and other current technology.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Women's Studies

Motion to approve and Bundle 11-12-144 through 11-12-135 (McLaughlin/Espinosa)

- 11-12-134 Revise WMST 354 to add a credit and when offered.
- 11-12-135 Revise WMST 358 to become WMST 458 and add a credit (delete old WMST 358) 354- In a 4-credit course, students will be able to fully develop their digital ethnography projects that are essential to the content in Teenagers in/and the Media.
458 - Changing this course to a 400 level will serve two purposes: first, a 400-level course offers advanced level competencies to our WMST majors and second, it responds to growing graduate student interest in the course. Instructors will be able to expand the theoretical orientations of the course in rich and meaningful ways.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Women's Studies

Motion to approve (Schmeling/MacDonald)

- 11-12-136 Revise WMST program name, to become Gender and Women's Studies, GEND, and correct misleading prerequisite for GEND 461

Action: Approved Unanimously

Anthropology

- 11-12-137 Revise ANTH 305 to add prerequisite.
- 11-12-138 Revise ANTH 308 to add prerequisite.
- 11-12-139 Revise ANTH 337 to add prerequisite.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Biology

RADT/NMT Bundled with 11-12-121 & 11-12-122 (see above)

- 11-12-140 Revise RADT/NMT program to delete HED 115, but still require CPR.

Biology/Health Science

Motion to approve and Bundle 11-12-141 through 11-12-147 (MacDonald/Schmeling)

- 11-12-141 Approve new program: BS in Health Science.

- 11-12-142 Approve new course HSCI 232 Human Genetics
- 11-12-143 Approve new course HSCI 401 Topics in Respiratory Therapy
- 11-12-144 Approve new course HSCI 402 Current Topics in Dental Hygiene
- 11-12-145 Approve new course HSCI 465 Directed Reading in Respiratory Therapy
- 11-12-146 Approve new course HSCI 466 Evidence-Based decision Making for Dental Hygienists
- 11-12-147 Approve new course HSCI 494 Independent Study in Health Sciences
This degree program will serve several purposes: provide another avenue of preparation for students interested in the health professions, but not necessarily in one of the college's competitive or existing specialized programs, serve as a foundation for a specialized program in medical laboratory science, and give students who have a certification and an associate's degree in a health profession a means to complete a baccalaureate degree. In addition, the separate concentrations will provide additional coursework that is specific and appropriate for a student's concentration.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Biology

Motion to Approve (Schmeling/Meyer)

- 11-12-148 Revise MEDT courses to include prerequisites.
300 level courses must have a prerequisite. This course is restricted to students accepted into the medical laboratory sciences clinical program.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Catalogue Revisions

Motion to Approve (LaFerla/Meyer)

- 11-12-149 Delete courses not taught in three or more years.

Action: Approved Unanimously

7. Other New Business

8. Motion to adjourn. 3:25 (Schmeling/MacDonald)

Report of Committee on General Education
February 17, 2012

On January 23, 2012, the Board of Governors for Higher Education approved the new Rhode Island College General Education program.

Dr. Quenby Hughes is the coordinator of First Year Seminars and is currently reviewing detailed proposals submitted by those whose topics have been approved. COGE will approve the courses in March. Initial proposals are due February 29 for spring, 2013, seminars.

COGE has begun the process of approving existing courses for inclusion in the distribution. These courses will be reported to the UCC in batches later in the year. The enthusiasm to get on with new courses and programs is encouraging, but this task does not need to be completed this academic year.

The transition to the new program for transfer students from CCRI and elsewhere has been worked out with admissions. Details are in the new advising manual just published.

We are having initial discussions of writing in the disciplines. Some departments have other curricular needs that prompt them to identify this component of their programs this year, but there is a year in which the College can explore the implications of formalizing writing instruction in the many different majors and professional programs.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Magyar, Chair