

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Minutes for the meeting of

November 20, 2015

2:00-4:00 P.M.

Board of Governors Room

Members Present: S. Abbotson, S. Breene, P. Cordeiro, S. Dixon, D. Espinosa, D. Halquist, C. H. Leung, R. Kim, J. Magyar, B. MacDonald, C. McLaughlin (Secretary), S. Mueller, R. Pitt, S. Ross, E. Simson, S. Spinette, B. Ullah

Student Members: P. Hurd, J. Sherry

Members Excused: C. Cummings,

Guests: M. Lynch, SPED; E.J. Min. COMM; A. Galvez, COMM; B. Knoth, COMM; M. Michaud, ENG/Writing Board

1. Call to Order 2:03 EST
2. Minutes: Approve Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2015 (Magyar/ MacDonald)
Action: Approved – 2 Abstaining
3. Report of the Chair
 - Guidelines for Academic Rhode Maps – See *New Business*
4. Report of COGE
Report can be found at: https://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/monthlyreports.php
5. Report of Writing Board
Report can be found at: https://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/monthlyreports.php
Highlight – Writing Workshop is on January 13th
6. Old Business
SPED/COMM
Motion to Bundle and Approve 15-16-001 – 15-16-003 (Magyar/MacDonald)
 - 15-16-001 Approve new course ASL 101.
 - 15-16-002 Approve new course ASL 102.
 - 15-16-003 Approve deletion of COMM 233.

Discussion: ASL is one of the top three languages requested by students. Proposals request approval of two new courses in sign language: ASL 101 Elementary American Sign Language I and ASL 102 Elementary American Sign Language II. Permits students to fulfill GE language requirement with sign language (ASL). #15-16-003 requests the elimination of the COMM 223 Introduction to Sign Language course.
Action: Approved Unanimously
7. New Business
COMM
Motion to Bundle and Approve 15-16-012– 15-16-024 (Espinosa/Cordeiro)
 - 15-16-012 Approve revision of Mass Media Communication program into Media Communication; will include 5 revised courses, 4 new courses. 6 COMM courses that are no longer being used are also to be deleted.
 - 15-16-013 Approve revision of COMM 243, title, description and prerequisite.
 - 15-16-014 Approve revision of COMM 244 to remove prerequisite.
 - 15-16-015 Approve revision of COMM 246 prerequisite change.
 - 15-16-016 Approve revision of COMM 340 title and prerequisite.

- 15-16-017 Approve new course COMM 343 Audio Production for Multimedia.
- 15-16-018 Approve revision of COMM 345 title, description, and change prerequisites.
- 15-16-019 Approve new course COMM 346 Sports Reporting.
- 15-16-020 Approve revision of COMM 347 title and prerequisite.
- 15-16-021 Approve revision of COMM 348 prerequisite change.
- 15-16-022 Approve new course COMM 349 Media Theory and Research.
- 15-16-023 Approve new course COMM 443 Sport, Culture, and Media.
- 15-16-024 Approve revision of COMM 492, title, description and prerequisite.

Discussion: #012 Requests the revision of the Mass Media Communication program into Media Communication; this includes the revision of course titles, descriptions and prerequisites, the addition of 4 new courses, and deletion of 6 COMM courses that will be no longer offered: COMM 219, 341, 342, 445, 446, and 493.

#013 Requests that COMM 243 be retitled Preproduction for Digital Media; change description of course; and add the prerequisite of FYW;

#014 requests the removal of all prerequisites from COMM 244;

#015 COMM 246 Requests a change in its prerequisite to COMM 243;

#016 COMM 340 request for a title change to Media Ethics, and dropping COMM 251 as a prerequisite.

#017 Requests the addition of a new course: COMM 343 Audio Production for Multimedia,

#018 COMM 345 requests a title change to Advanced Digital Media Production, revise the description, and change the prerequisites to COMM 243 and 244 (change the semesters offered to Fall and Spring).

#019 Requests the addition of a new course: COMM 346 Sports Reporting

#020 COMM 347 Requests a title change to Media Law and COMM 251 being dropped as the prerequisite;

#021 Requests that COMM 348 drop as the prerequisite COMM 251;

#022 COMM 349 Media Theory and Research;

#023 Requests the addition of a new course: COMM 443 Sport, Culture, and Media.

#024 Requests for the retitling of COMM 492 to Digital Media Practicum, change the description and add the new prerequisites: COMM 349, 343, and 345, or permission of chair.

Action: Approved Unanimously

CIS

Motion to Approve 15-16-025 (Espinosa/Hurd)

- 15-16-025 Approve new course CIS 358 Mobile Application Development.

Discussion: Request the approval of CIS 358; CSCI has been contacted about the development of this course.

N.B. Student have concerns that this course blurs the lines between CIS and CSCI; CIS courses are more economics management oriented and not software engineering. A note will be sent to Dept. CSCI to suggest a possible future cross-listing, or to allow this course to be a required elective in the major.

Action: Approved Unanimously

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Motion to Approve 15-16-026 (Espinosa/MacDonald)

- 15-16-026 Approve deletion of courses not taught in three or more years: HIST 162-165, MLAN 162, POL 161 (core 3s), POL 200 and PHIL 241.

Discussion: Proposal requests the deletion of several courses that have not been taught over the last three years: HIST 162, 163, 164 and 165, MLAN 162, POL 161 (all old core 3s); POL 200 and PHIL 241. POL 200 will also need to be deleted as an alternative prerequisite for COMM 357.

N.B: For the record, Davis Espinosa is sad.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Health Sciences

Motion to Bundle and Approve 15-16-027- 15-16-032 (Hurd/Magyar)

- 15-16-027 Approve revisions to MRI 309, decrease credits.
- 15-16-028 Approve revisions to MRI 310, increase credits.
- 15-16-029 Approve revisions to MRI 410, increase credits.
- 15-16-030 Approve revisions to MRI 420, increase credits.
- 15-16-031 Approve revisions to MRI 455, increase credits.
- 15-16-032 Approve revisions to the Medical Imaging programs—all concentrations, to switch the MATH course, add CHEM 105 to clinical programs, and delete a course in the MRI and RT programs, and two courses in the NMT.

Discussion: #027 Proposal requests decrease in credits for MRI 309 to 3.5, in order to provide sufficient time for that course material to be covered;

#028-#31 In an attempt to meet accreditation requirements, this proposal would like to increase the credits for MRI 310 to 8.5, #029 MRI 410 to 8.5, #030 MRI 420 to 8.5, and #031 MRI 455 to 1.5 to allow for more instruction on MRI procedures and increased clinical time in these areas.

#032 requests all six concentrations switch the MATH course from MATH 139 to MATH 209, and add CHEM 105 to just the four clinical programs--Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Nuclear Medicine Technology (to replace CHEM 103 and 104), and Radiologic Technology; delete RADT 455 in the MRI and RT programs, as well as CHEM 103 and 104 in the NMT.

Action: Approved Unanimously

English

Motion to Approve 15-16-033 (Espinosa/MacDonald)

- 15-16-033 Approve revisions to ENGL 205 and 206 to redistribute material. Change titles and descriptions.

Discussion: Request to revise English 205 and ENGL 206 to give better coverage of course materials.

Action: Approved Unanimously

- 15-16-034 Approve revision to SE English major program to eliminate ENGL courses options for SED 445.

Discussion: Request for deletion of reference for using ENGL courses as an alternative to the SED 445 requirement in the SE English major.

Action: Approved Unanimously

8. Other New Business.

Rhode Map Template has been provided to UCC members

- Programs are different, so format may change across programs and some will need more than eight semesters; maps can be tailored for specific conditions within programs and kept as flexible as possible. A guide will be created to help departments work with the template.
- Attempt to keep uniformity and consistency among the different programs in terms of overall design and appearance, and the inclusion of all general education requirements. Need to be placed on department/program websites in the same place.
 - Rhodemap will be a big help in advising for students, and help students to understand the advice of advisors.
- Not all courses are offered every year, but on rotating/alternate basis and where that occurs there needs to be a note on the map.
- Need to add a check chart to show GE and major side-by-side.
- Request made to the committee to pass along possible changes or suggestions to improve.
- S. Abbotson will show Rhode map to one of her freshmen classes to get some student responses

9. Motion to adjourn. 3:40 (MacDonald/Espinosa)