

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2005**

Members Present: Professors Deiulio, Jordan, Nichols, Pringle, Rahim, Savitzky, Thornton, Weber; Ms. Raines, Safko

Prof. Pringle, UCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 30, 2005. Prof. Savitzky moved to accept the minutes; Prof. Jordan seconded. Unanimous approval.

2. Matters arising from the minutes. No matters arising from the minutes.

3. WI Certification: Prof. Rahim reported on behalf of the writing intensive subcommittee that the subcommittee had approved the three courses under consideration: THEA 468, BUSN 350, and MKTG 470. Ms. Raines explained that the “W” designation is no longer being added to writing intensive courses because the new computer software will try to read it as a numeral. Current WI courses will keep the “W,” but it will be phased out with all new ones. The title of the course will start with “WI” and the section number will also carry this designation. Prof. Rahim moved to accept the courses as writing intensive; Prof. Thornton seconded the proposal. Unanimously passed.

4. Program Changes:

The Music department submitted a request to change the titles of the existing music theory courses. Prof. Savitzky moved acceptance of these changes; Prof. Weber seconded the proposal. This proposal passed unanimously. However, the committee felt that a new course proposal form should have been submitted for MUSC 411. It was unclear from the form whether a new course form had been submitted previously or not. Prof. Pringle will clarify with Prof. Reimer whether the course has already been approved. Also, if MUSC 413 will be removed, a form should be submitted on that. Prof. Rahim moved acceptance contingent upon these clarifications; Prof. Nichols seconded. Passed unanimously.

Business Minor. Prof. Pringle explained that since BUSN 350 has been changed to a WI course, the business school wants to give students the option to take BUSN 351 in place of BUSN 350 if they so choose. This gives students more flexibility when planning their minor. Prof. Pringle proposed acceptance of this change; Prof. Rahim seconded the proposal. Proposal carried unanimously.

5. New Courses:

MUSCI 112, 113, 114. Prof. Jordan proposed acceptance of the courses as a group; Prof. Weber seconded. Passed unanimously.

HIST 345/445. Prof. Thornton proposed accepted; Prof. Rahim seconded. Unanimous approval.

MLAN 217. Prof. Deiulio explained that the UCC had passed a similar version of this course, MLAN 207, already. MLAN 207 teaches German film. MLAN 217 will focus on

Italian film. Prof. Deiulio proposed acceptance of MLAN 217; Prof. Nichols seconded. Unanimously passed.

6. Changes to Existing Courses: Formal UCC approval is not required for minor changes submitted on the “changes to existing course” form. The committee considered the changes that had been submitted as a group, noted the changes, and is passing them on to the provost.

7. New Course: SOWK 330. The “yes” box is checked off for the question “does this proposal affect Liberal Learning requirements?” However, it is not clear why this box is checked since the course is not an area of inquiry course. Prof. Pringle will clarify whether the “yes” box was checked in error. If the course does indeed affect Liberal Learning requirements, then the proposal needs to go to the Liberal Learning Council first. Prof. Jordan proposed accepting the course contingent on this clarification. Prof. Savitzky seconded the proposal. Unanimous approval.

8. A.O.B.

The provost has recently changed the permissible caps on course enrollments. For example, no course may have a cap of 20-25. Prof. Pringle has been getting requests to change the WI cap to 26, since UCC had set it at 25. Provost Summerville will allow WI courses for next semester to have a cap of 25, but in the future the cap for WI course will not be allowed to be higher than 19. The committee debated whether to change the UCC WI requirements to reflect that the cap should be 19. After discussion, the committee decided that it would be best to leave the cap at 25 so that, if the dean or provost made an exception to allow more than 19 students to be in a class, there would not be a problem with UCC requirements.

UCC has passed a large number of new courses this year. Yet the classroom space is very tight. Prof. Pringle has asked the provost whether we have to worry about whether classroom space is available when passing new courses. The provost stated that UCC should look at academic rigor primarily when approving courses, but it would be a good idea to think about this issue as well.

Prof. Weber requested that the committee discuss whether we still need the “G” designation on some courses that had been designated as “global” in the past. The UCC will consider this issue next time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Deiulio