

Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 9 am to 10:30 am; Scofield 307 (Dean's Conference Room)

Attendance	Member	Representation
	Cantu, Norma	Humanities/English
x	Reckley, Alice	Humanities/Foreign Language
	Sheppard, Jim	Humanities/Philosophy
x	Murowchick, Jim	Natural Sciences/Geosciences
	Leiblsle, Fred	Natural Sciences/Physics
x	Sega, Liana	Natural Sciences/Math
x	Hodge, Jessica (Chair)	Social Sciences/Criminal Justice & Criminology
	Lundgren, Jennifer (Secretary)	Social Sciences/Psychology
	Torres, Theresa	Social Sciences/Sociology
	Ex-Officio Members	Representation
x	Lundberg, Alicen	A&S CC Coordinator
	Challacombe, Rosana	A&S Advising Office
x	Bergman, Becky	A&S Advising Office
x	Toivanen, Kati	A&S Dean's Office
	Filion, Diane	A&S Dean's Office

Introductions of Committee Members and Guests

Note: The Curriculum Committee met but was one shy from having quorum. We decided to move forward with the discussions since there were some time-sensitive items on the agenda. We voted on the items with the understanding that the vote was tentative, and we would need at least one more vote from a member who was not at the meeting. The absent members would be contacted by the chair to obtain their electronic vote.

Follow up: All five absent members voted in approval of four motions.

Approval of Minutes

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Discussion: There was a discussion about the need to provide last names of the committee members, in addition to the first names. Since this document is for historical records, it is a good idea to include full names so that there is no confusion in the future. Also, it needed to be clear that the Math courses listed were approved.

Action Item: Alicen Lundberg is going to make the above changes to the minutes.

Motion: Motion was made to approve the minutes with the two suggested revisions.

Vote: Unanimous approval [four in person, five electronic approvals]

College Degree Requirements

CAS Degree Requirements – COMM-ST 110 modification

Discussion: Representatives from Communication Studies were present and explained why this modification is needed. They explained how public speaking is not a focus of the Discourse courses, and that many students want to take this type of speech class because of what is covered specifically in this course. This modification would benefit students, particularly transfer students, who have taken a speech course elsewhere (currently, a speech course taken elsewhere is not fulfilling any specific requirement and transfer students are often frustrated with this). This modification would also benefit non-majors who want to take a public speaking course but may be discouraged to do so since this course is currently not fulfilling any college requirement. There was concern brought up during the discussion that public speaking

is not being addressed in the Discourse courses since this element was supposed to be addressed in these courses (along with listening and writing). It was reiterated that oral presentations may be a part of the Discourse courses, but not to the extent or as in-depth as in Comm-St 110.

Motion: Motion was made to approve Comm-St 110 as fulfilling the CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement as long as it is not also being used to fulfill a Discourse I or II course or any other General Education core requirement.

Vote: Unanimous approval [four in person, five electronic approvals]

Program Proposals

Historic Preservation Certificate proposal from the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning & Design

Discussion: Representatives from AUPD were present to discuss the need for this certificate (see proposal for specific and extensive details). Clarification was sought from the committee on whether new courses were needed; only one new course is needed (5745), the others are already being offered. Clarification was also sought on whether there are mechanisms in place to track their graduates' placement since this is required by the Dept. of Education on the federal level; they explained that this is already being done. There was some discussion about the need to revise the language of the SLOs; the representative agreed and will contact Ruth Cain in Assessment in order to do this.

Motion: Motion was made to approve the proposal with the recommendation that the originating department work on the SLOs with Ruth Cain in Assessment.

Vote: Unanimous approval [four in person, five electronic approvals]

New Course Proposals

n/a

Course Modifications

SOCIOL 300: Special Topics in Sociology

Discussion: No discussion about the appropriateness of the proposal; rather, there was a brief discussion about the need to clarify the course number and SLOs on the syllabus provided so that it matches what is in Courseleaf.

Action Item: Alicen is going to work with the Sociology department to make these revisions.

Motion: Motion was made to approve the proposal with the revisions mentioned above.

Vote: Unanimous approval [four in person, five electronic approvals]

Other Action Items

N/A

Announcements

New catalog deadline! The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) decided at their meeting in March that the catalog deadline for all units will now be **December 15**. The purpose of this change was to ensure that catalog changes were completed prior to the class schedule being made available for students.

Fall 2015 Meeting Schedule:

TBD

The CAS Curriculum Committee webpage: <http://cas.umkc.edu/curriculum.asp>