

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Minutes #7 approved (2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog)

November 1, 2006

**Members Present:** Bassoppo-Moyo, Buckley, Califf, Clairardin, Cook, Craig, Ganeva, Halcomb, Kahl, Kaesberg, Lessoff, Morenus, Palmer, Petro, Rosenthal, Semonis, Stier, A. Trefzger, J. Trefzger, Van der Hoven

**Guests Present:** William Scott, Finance, Insurance and Law

1. Morenus convened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes #5, October 11, 2006 and #6, October 18, 2006.

Minutes #5: Correction of item 5.c: add “to cumulative GPA” after “fraction of a difference.” Lessoff moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Califf seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

Minutes #6: Corrections: J. Trefzger asked Jeri to verify two items on the catalog copy from the Department of Agriculture. She will do that before sending out the approved minutes. Califf moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Stier seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

3. **PROPOSAL ACTION:**

**FIL Major in Insurance – General Insurance Sequence (Revised)  
Minor in Insurance (Revised)**

**(Buckley/Halcomb)**

Califf moved to suspend the “discussion one week–action the next” rule and take action on the proposal today, Kaesberg seconded and the committee unanimously agreed. Buckley moved to approve the proposal to revise the Major and Minor in Insurance, Halcomb seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve, pending completion of circulation on November 8, 2006. Catalog copy follows:

**MAJOR IN INSURANCE**

**General Insurance Sequence:**

- **68 required hours including:**
- **Required courses (59 hours): BUS 100; ACC 131, 132, 270; FIL 185, 240, 250, 350, 352, 354, 355; MKT 230; MQM 100, 220, 227, 385. In addition, ECO 105; ENG 145.13; and MAT 121 or 145 must be completed.**
- **9 hours of electives chosen from: FIL 351, 353, 382, 398.10 or appropriate courses approved by the Departmental advisor.**
- **NOTE: FIL 398.10 is strongly recommended in addition to required courses.**

**MINOR IN INSURANCE**

- **18 hours required in FIL courses.**
- **Required courses: FIL 185, 240, 250, and three of the following courses: 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355.**
- **NOTE: FIL 398.10 is strongly recommended in addition to required courses.**
- **NOTE: Non-Business majors are restricted to no more than 24 hours of business instruction.**

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4. **PROPOSAL DISCUSSION:**

**FIL Major in Insurance – General Insurance Sequence (Revised)  
Minor in Insurance (Revised)**

**(Buckley/Halcomb)**

William Scott was present from the Department of Finance, Insurance and Law to answer any questions. Buckley distributed a handout and presented a review of the proposal.

- The FIL department proposes adding a new capstone course, FIL 355, to the requirements for the Insurance Major.
- They propose adding FIL 355 as an elective course for the Insurance Minor.
- The revision will add 3 hours to the requirements for the Major (from 65 to 68).

Scott said that adding the course is in response to industry sponsors and employers who say that ISU Insurance graduates are not sufficiently knowledgeable about various functional areas in the industry. The Katie School of Insurance board strongly recommends adding FIL 355. Halcomb asked if the number of elective hours stayed the same with adding the course to the Minor. Scott indicated that it will remain at 9 hours of electives. Halcomb said the proposal was well done. Scott thanked J. Trefzger who “with all of his years of experience on the UCC” was a big help when they were preparing the proposal.

Califf moved to suspend the “discussion one week–action the next” rule and take action on the proposal today, Kaesberg seconded and the committee unanimously agreed. (See “Proposal Action” above.)

### **POL Major in Political Science (Revised)**

**(Stier/Cook)**

Stier distributed a handout and presented a review of the proposal to revise the Major in Political Science.

- The handout shows the revised catalog copy (in red).
- Politics and Government proposes dropping POL 209 (4 hours) and replacing it with POL 138 (3 hours).
- POL 138 will become the prerequisite for POL 310, 312 and 322.
- They propose replacing POL 209 with 138 wherever it is listed (courses and sequences).
- Stier said that the only sequence affected is Leadership and Social Justice; the hours will change from 16 to 15.
- They propose adding a new course, POL 390 (1 hour), as a capstone course for the Major in Political Science.
- They propose adding a statement: “The capstone experience can be fulfilled in any of the following ways, after a student has completed 90 hours: completion of an internship of 3 or more credits, completion of an overseas academic experience, completion of a 3 credit independent study project or honors project, or completion of a senior project that is contractually negotiated between the faculty member and the student in a 300-level POL course. Students enroll in POL 390 concurrently with one of these options with permission of the advisor, chair, or faculty member teaching the course.”
- The hours of the major will change from 33 to 34.

#### Comments and concerns:

- Stier said that course POL 300.01 shows POL 209 as a prerequisite choice. 300.01 is cross-listed with Anthropology, Economics, Geography-Geology, History and Sociology. They will need to be notified of the change. It was brought up that all of the 300.01 courses will likely be deleted from the catalog once the Social Sciences Education major is deleted because 300.01 is for SSC majors only.
- There was a question about hours. The change to replace 209 with 138 was submitted on a separate proposal than the adding of POL 390 and neither proposal reflected the changes of the other. One proposal said the hours would be 34, the other said 33. Politics and Government had replied that the revised catalog copy Stier sent them was right and it showed 34 hours. Jeri will verify the hours when she sends the approval email
- Kahl said that the catalog copy doesn’t clearly say that 390 is the capstone experience and he questioned how the options mentioned will show up in the system. Rosenthal said that the system will not keep track of the options; the department will need to track them.
- Rosenthal offered to discuss the added paragraph about the capstone experience with Nancy Lind to see if he can get clearer catalog copy. He will try to have that information for the next meeting.
- A. Trefzger asked if adding POL 138 would increase enrollment for all 138s. Since 138 is offered by other departments (ECO/GEO/PSY) wouldn’t they need to know about this change? Rosenthal said that the cross-listing of 138 was removed a while ago and the courses are very different from department to department now. This change shouldn’t cause any enrollment problems for the other departments.

The proposal will be an action item at the next meeting provided Rosenthal is able to obtain clearer catalog copy.

**5. LIAISON REPORTS:**

- a. **Council on General Education – Morenus:** Nothing new to report.
- b. **Council for Teacher Education – Palmer:** Nothing new to report.
- c. **Academic Affairs Committee – J. Trefzger:** The AAF meeting was devoted to a discussion of the plus/minus grading issue. Matthew Nelson, whose students have done a study about plus-minus grading, spoke at the meeting. AAF will likely ask the College Councils to review the issue.

**6. STAFF REPORT:**

Rosenthal followed up on the AAF meeting information. The College Councils were chosen to look at the plus/minus grading issue. He and Jan Shane will be going to the councils to provide them with information and Paul Borg is drafting an informational memo to go out.

The General Student issue will come before the Academic Senate at their meeting on November 8, 2006.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Morenus said that as chair it is her “pleasure to write letters commending committee participation,” and if anyone is going to be up for tenure and/or promotion and needs his letter now, let her know. Otherwise the letters for faculty will be done in December with letters for student members to be completed at the close of the spring semester.

**8. INFORMATION:** The University Curriculum Committee Executive Secretary approved the following courses:

Temporary Courses:

**COM**

**389.58 DOCUMENTARY ON SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES 3 S**  
*COM 161, 163 and 167 or 263 req.*

**In this course, students will produce documentaries on social and political issues after studying film history and production techniques.**

**MAT**

**389.61 INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM COMPUTING 2 Summer**  
*C or better in MAT 147 and 175 req.*

**Topics from linear algebra, logic, classical computing and applications, principles of quantum mechanics, quantum computing.**

New Courses:

**FIL**

**355 INSURANCE COMPANY OPERATIONS 3 F,S**  
*FIL 250 req.*

**Insurance company operations include underwriting claims handling, ratemaking, reinsurance, investments, and loss control. The course focuses on these company functions.**

**9. ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m. by a motion from Cook seconded by Clairardin. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2006.