

## UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Minutes #2 approved (2012-2014 Undergraduate Catalog)

September 29, 2010

**Members Present:** Cook, Ferrence, Kaesberg, Kelly, Kopsell, McDonnell, Morenus, Murphy, Rosenthal, Smudde, Standard, Trefzger, Walker, Walstrom, Weilbacher

**Members Absent:** Kukla

**Guests Present:** Dan Elkins, Kinesiology and Recreation; Ali Riaz, Erik Rankin, Politics and Government; Jess Ray, Office of the University Registrar

1. Morenus convened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES #1, September 15, 2010:** Ferrence moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Kopsell seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous acclamation.
3. **PROPOSAL DISCUSSION:**

**KNR RECREATION MANAGEMENT SEQUENCE (Revision) Kaesberg/Murphy**

Dan Elkins was present from Kinesiology and Recreation. Kaesberg distributed a handout and presented a review of the proposal to revise the Recreation Management Sequence in the Major in Recreation and Park Administration.

- KNR proposes adding two new courses, KNR 351 and 354, to the interdisciplinary course list in the sequence.
- The total hours of the sequence will be 61 hours (reduced from 62); the core hours will be 40 (increased from 39); the sequence hours will be 9 (reduced from 12) and the interdisciplinary hours will be 12 (increased from 11).

Comments/Questions:

- In the narrative of the proposal, KNR 351 and 354 are said to be added to the interdisciplinary requirements, however, the proposed catalog copy does not show KNR 351 and 354 as required courses. Elkins said that the courses are added as course options under the interdisciplinary requirements.
- The catalog copy does not include a list of course electives for the interdisciplinary requirements. Rosenthal asked if Evaluations had a list of all the courses that could be used for the requirement. Ray confirmed with Evaluations that they do have the list of courses that can be used for the 12 interdisciplinary hours.
- The narrative does not give a clear reason as to why the interdisciplinary hours increased from 11 to 12. The reason is that there are only 3-hour courses from which to choose.
- In regards to the deletion of KNR 272, Murphy said the attached support documentation is an email that Kinesiology and Recreation sent to Jill Freund Thomas, who was then director/advisor for the tourism minor (deleted last year). Murphy asked if KNR ever received an answer to the email. Elkins said that he would check with Amy Hurd who originated the email. He noted that in the email they gave Dr. Thomas information on how to deal with the deleted course by substituting either KNR 351 or 370. Elkins will follow up with Dr. Thomas or Geography-Geology.

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**POL MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (Revision) Kopsell/Walker**  
**GLOBAL STUDIES SEQUENCE (Deletion)**  
**LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SEQUENCE (Deletion)**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE SEQUENCE (Deletion)**  
**MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (Revision)**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE SEQUENCE (Minor) (Deletion)**

Ali Riaz and Erik Rankin were present from the Department of Politics and Government. Kopsell distributed a handout and presented a review of the proposals.

Major:

- The Department of Politics and Government proposes adding two new courses, POL 100 and 396, to the requirements in the major. As a result, the hours required will increase from 34 to a minimum of 40.
- They propose adding POL 398.01 or 398.20 as a required course with two other possibilities to meet the culminating experience: (1) either overseas academic experience (Study Abroad) or university sponsored

academic experience; or (2) consent of the department chair. POL 398.01 or 398.20 will give students practical experience and allow students to become more competitive in the job market.

The overseas experience meets the spirit of the requirement. If needed, due to difficult situations that may prevent a student from completion of a study abroad or internship, consent of the department chair may be substituted.

- They propose eliminating all the sequences and adding suggested concentrations to the major. The rationale given was that the sequences have been undersubscribed and present a confusing option to most students. The students are already choosing courses from a concentration standpoint.

Minor:

- POL proposes changing the Minor in Political Science requirements by adding POL 100, removing POL 105 or 106, and adding “any 15 credit hours in Political Science.”
- A maximum of 3 credit hours in POL 398.01 and 398.20 may count toward the Minor in Political Science. They want to add a note that says that POL 398.01 or 398.20 are not required for the minor.
- They are deleting the Public Service Sequence from the minor.

Comments/Questions:

- Walker questioned why they are adding concentrations instead of making them sequences. Rankin said that students are not required to complete a sequence in the major to graduate. Having concentrations with suggested courses gives students more options. Dr. Riaz added that when POL created the existing sequences there were faculty in the department with expertise in the sequence areas and there were 22 faculty members, now there are 16.
- Concerning POL 100, Kopsell questioned limiting the course to only freshman majors and minors. He asked how many students come into the program as freshmen and how many students would be taking the course and not substituting POL 101. Rankin answered that POL 100 should be the first course a POL major takes because it is the prerequisite for everything else. He said that his expectation is that most of their internal transfers will be using 101 and most external transfers would have already taken a class that is similar to 101.
- Rosenthal asked how many sections of 100 would be offered. Rankin thought it would be one or two.
- Rosenthal asked Riaz if the department could financially support adding the new courses. Riaz answered that the department has the funds to support the addition of the two courses.
- Walker asked if POL 100 could be used to substitute for 101. Rankin said that it could not.
- In regards to requiring POL 398.01 or 398.20, Rosenthal asked if it would be difficult to find suitable internships considering the number of POL majors. Riaz said that based on the data they have there shouldn't be any problems. Rankin said that they usually have a list of places asking for POL interns, especially during political campaigns.
- The reviewers asked the committee if they thought using a 300-level course number was appropriate for the content in the proposed POL 396. Rankin thought that even though the course did not meet the minimum features listed in the UCC Policies and Procedures, it did meet the spirit of the requirements for a 300-level course. They chose a 300-level course number so that only juniors and seniors could take the course. After discussion by the committee it was suggested that using course number 296 would be a better fit. Ryburn will verify that course number 296 is available and return the proposals to Rankin for changes. Rankin will also change the prerequisite to say “60 hours completed” to ensure that only juniors and seniors take the course.
- Standard asked why the Minor in Political Science for Teacher Education still appears in the catalog. Riaz said he thought that all of the teacher education minors were going to be removed from the catalog in one sweep. They have been waiting for that to happen. Morenus said there was no initiative to remove all the teacher education minors from the catalog. The departments need to complete a proposal to delete them. Riaz will send through a proposal to delete the minor.

**4. LIAISON REPORT:**

- a. Council on General Education – Weilbacher reported that CGE met and approved a Music course for General Education and also approved the proposal for revision of the Minor in Urban Studies. They will be looking at data they received in regards to the General Education review.
- b. Council for Teacher Education – Morenus reported that CTE has discussed the proposal to revise the Major in Chemistry for Teacher Education. The proposal will go next to the full committee.
- c. Academic Affairs Committee: Cathy Kaesberg will be attending her first AAF meeting tonight. Rosenthal was at the last meeting and reported that they are in housekeeping mode.

**5. STAFF REPORT:**

Ryburn reported that there are two new members: student member, Meghan McDonnell and faculty member Kent Walstrom.

Rosenthal reported on a new ICCB and IBHE initiative to have a major course-to-course match for articulation. He said that the University has been asked to take a look at three or four courses to see if they can be automatically articulated.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Trefzger reported that he and Cook attended a College of Applied Science and Technology curriculum committee meeting in their roles as liaison. Trefzger and Cook will meet with Rosenthal and Morenus after the meeting to discuss a list of questions that CAST's CCC had about the online proposal process.

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

New Courses:

**COM****373 INTERNAL PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**3 sem. hrs.**

**Principles and practices for communicating with organizations' internal audiences. Investigation includes nonprofit, profit, government, and nongovernment organizations. Prerequisites: COM 111; COM 229 strongly recommended.**

**374 NEWS LITERACY: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES**

**3 sem. hrs.**

**Course examines news literacy links with critical theory and the ways news relates to communication and journalism theory. Prerequisites: COM 111.**

**ITK****381 NETWORK DESIGN AND ANALYSIS**

**3 sem. hrs.**

**Analyze user internetworking requirements; design and implement a network infrastructure that can meet the user requirements. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ITK 373 and 377, or consent of graduate advisor.**

**8. ADJOURNED:** Walker moved to adjourn the meeting, Murphy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2010.