

**Undergraduate Curriculum Council
Meeting Notes
November 6, 2024**

Members Present Rhonda Brodrick, Allen Coates, T. Jason Davis, Bradley Edwards, William Flora, Julie Fox-Horton, Daniel Hedden, Stacie Hill, Myra Jones, Christiana Keinath, Evelyn Roach, Mike Stoots, Teresa Brooks Taylor, Melessia Webb

Members absent Chelsie Dubay, Cynthia Edwards, Lev Yampolsky

Guests Present Jillian Alexander, Michael Bufano, Brianna Cusanno, Catherine McCusker, Bethesda O'Connell, Robert Standaert

The UCC meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Julie Fox-Horton. The meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom. Roll was taken by Rhonda Brodrick.

Old Business

Teresa Brooks Taylor moved to approve the October 23, 2024 minutes. Allen Coates seconded. The motion passed.

- New Course – CBAT 1500 Designing Your Life

This proposal was tabled at the 10-23-24 meeting to allow time to resolve questions related to course overlap with CDST 3100 Interdisciplinary Design Thinking. Since the October meeting, Dr. Flora and the Shadow Team worked with Jillian Alexander to edit the CBAT 1500 course objectives and expected learning outcomes to clearly establish the CBAT course is for 1st year students in the College of Business & Technology.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Teresa Brooks Taylor and Julie Fox-Horton

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to Department of Management & Supply Chain, the College of Business & Technology, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 1000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 1000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Jason Davis motioned to approve the proposal as written. Mike Stoots seconded. The motion was approved.

New Business

- New Course – CHEM 1050 Chemistry of Food and Cooking Lecture

Catherine McCusker provided an overview of the proposed course which introduces chemistry concepts and the scientific method using food and cooking processes. This course can be used to fulfill a natural sciences COMPASS Core curriculum requirement.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Mike Stoots and Daniel Hedden found the proposal to be clearly presented with no areas of concern.

Edits completed during the meeting:

- Course assignment #3 – correct the spelling of individually
- Course assignment #5 – correct the spelling of multiple

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Mike Stoots and Daniel Hedden

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to Department of Chemistry, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 1000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 1000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Allen Coates motioned to approve the proposal with edits made to the course assignments. Jason Davis seconded. The motion was approved.

- New Course – CHEM 1051 Chemistry of Food and Cooking Lab

Catherine McCusker provided an overview of the proposed course, a laboratory class designed to allow students to apply concepts taught in CHEM 1050 Chemistry of Food and Cooking Lecture. Students taking this course must be enrolled in/or have previously completed CHEM 1050.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Mike Stoots and Daniel Hedden found the proposal to be clearly presented with no areas of concern.

Edits completed during the meeting:

- Catalog Description – add flavor (add food, flavor, and the chemical reactions)

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Mike Stoots and Daniel Hedden

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to Department of Chemistry, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 1000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 1000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 1.

Daniel Hedden motioned to approve the proposal with the edit to the catalog description. Jason Davis seconded. The motion was approved.

- New Course – COBH 4700 Applied Practice in Global Health

Bethesda O'Connell provided an overview of the proposed undergraduate study abroad elective course designed to provide students with an intensive study of interprofessional perspectives of global health. The course will include applied learning in a selected country with coursework before and after the trip.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Christiana Keinath and Jason Davis found the proposal to be well written with no areas of concern.

Edits completed during the meeting:

- Academic Justification – Add is to the first sentence (This is an elective course)

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Christiana Keinath and Jason Davis

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to Department of Community and Behavioral Health, the College of Public Health, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 4000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 4000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Jason Davis motioned to approve the proposal with the edit to the Academic Justification. Allen Coates seconded. The motion was approved.

- New Course – PSCI 3860 The Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa

Michael Bufano provided an overview of the proposed course which will focus on topics relevant to modern politics in Sub-Saharan Africa and America's influence on the development of South African politics.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewer Allan Coates found the proposal to be well written with no areas of concern.

Edits completed during the meeting:

- Proposed Implementation Date – change to Fall 2025

Confirmation from Primary Reviewer Allan Coates

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to Department of Political Science, International Affairs, and Public Administration, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 3000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 3000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Allen Coates motioned to approve the proposal with the edit to the proposed implementation date. Jason Davis seconded. The motion was approved.

- New Course - STOR 2670 Narrative Medicine

Brianna Cusanno provided an overview of the proposed course. The course introduces students to the field of Narrative Medicine, which examines health, illness, and medicine as storied experiences.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Melessia Webb and Brad Edwards found the proposal to be well written with no areas of concern.

Edits completed during the meeting:

- Proposed Implementation Date – change to Summer 2025
- Submission of a Curricular Revision Proposal – change to yes
- Grading Scale – correct overlap between C+ (70-79) and C (74-75) ranges

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Melessia Webb and Brad Edwards

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to Department of Communication Studies & Storytelling, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 2000-level course.
- ✓ Course appropriate at 2000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours appropriate at 3.

Christiana Keinath motioned to approve the proposal with edits completed during the meeting. Brad Edwards seconded. The motion was approved.

- Revise Curriculum: Non-Substantive - B.A. or B.S. in Communication Studies with a Storytelling Concentration

Brianna Cusanno provided an overview of the proposed curriculum revision which adds STOR 2670 Narrative Medicine as an option to fulfill the Cultural Narrative Block for Communication Studies majors with a Concentration in Storytelling.

Prior to the meeting, Primary Reviewers Melessia Webb and Brad Edwards found the proposal to be well written with no areas of concern.

Edits completed during the meeting:

- Proposed Implementation Date – change to Fall 2025

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Melessia Webb and Brad Edwards

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals
- ✓ Proposal adds value to the Department of Communication Studies & Storytelling, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the university
- ✓ Courses appropriate.

Brad Edwards motioned to approve the proposal with the edit to the proposed implementation date. Allen Coates seconded. The motion was approved.

Other Discussion: None

Julie Fox-Horton adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Brodrick
Approved 11/20/24