

**Undergraduate Curriculum Council
Meeting Notes
February 26, 2025**

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

Members absent Lev Yampolsky

Guests Present Lindsey Cochran, David Dixon, Colin Glennon, Donald Luttermoser, Anthony Vega

The UCC meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Chelsie Dubay. The meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom. Roll was taken by Rhonda Brodrick.

Old Business

Julie Fox-Horton moved to approve minutes from the February 12 and 19, 2025 meetings. Allen Coates seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

-New Course: PSCI 4917/5917 Introduction to Political Communication

Colin Glennon provided an overview of the proposed course which fills a curriculum gap by providing an in-depth examination of political communications in practice and theory. This course is a building block toward a future interdisciplinary certificate program in political communication.

Primary Reviewers Jason Davis (e-mailed feedback) and Julie Fox-Horton

Edits completed in the meeting

- Course Objectives – Reword the stem to read: The department's objective for offering this course is to introduce students to the essential applications of political communication, whereby students learn to:
- Grading Scale – Undergraduate F = Below 59.5

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Jason Davis (e-mailed feedback) and Julie Fox-Horton

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Department of Political Science, International Affairs, & 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 4000-level course.
- ✓ Course is appropriate at 4000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours are appropriate at 3.

Julie Fox-Horton motioned to approve the proposal as written/with edits completed in the meeting. Mike Stoots seconded. The motion was approved.

-Revise Course (Substantive): ANTH 4057 Paleolithic Archaeology in France

Lindsey Cochran provided an overview of the proposed revisions which include a new title, Archaeology Lab Methods, and making the 3-credit course repeatable for up to 6 credits. This course will provide students with a hands-on opportunity to learn fundamental proficiencies in the archaeology lab work setting. The proposed changes also increase accessibility for students with limited funds and physical limitations.

Primary Reviewer Melessia Webb

Edits completed in the meeting

- Course Objectives: Change stem to read: The department's objectives for offering this course are to introduce students to the common methods of laboratory-based archaeology, whereby students
- Grading Scale – F = Below 60%

Confirmation from Primary Reviewer Melessia Webb

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the university.
- ✓ Course objectives are appropriate.
- ✓ Learning outcomes are evaluated to be of appropriate rigor for a 4000-level course.
- ✓ Course is appropriate at 4000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours are appropriate at 3, repeatable for up to 6.

Melessia Webb motioned to approve the proposal with edits completed in the meeting. Mike Stoots seconded. The motion was approved.

-Establish Minor: Graphic Design Minor

David Dixon provided an overview of the proposed minor which is designed to meet a growing demand for graphic design skills across a variety of disciplines. The minor will equip students with essential creative and technical abilities in graphic design.

Primary Reviewers Christiana Keinath and Brad Edwards

Edits completed in the meeting

- Number of existing courses – increase to 14
- Program of study – Change hours that must be at the 3000-level or above from 9 to 5

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Brad Edwards

- ✓ Proposal consistent with university goals
- ✓ Proposal adds value to Department of Art & Design, College of Arts & Sciences, and university.
- ✓ Courses appropriate.

Brad Edwards motioned to approve the proposal with edits completed in the meeting. Mike Stoots seconded. The motion was approved.

-New Course: GEOS 1450 Oceanography

Anthony Vega explained ETSU offers no courses in Oceanography. This elective course will offer learning opportunities related to the ocean's ecosystems, pollution, and climate change. Primary Reviewers Jason Davis and Julie Fox-Horton

Edits completed in the meeting

- Major course topics – Remove information related to course assignments
- Grading Scale – F = Below 60.0%

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Jason Davis and Julie Fox-Horton

- ✓ Course consistent with university goals
- ✓ Course adds value to the Department of Geosciences, 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 is appropriate at 1000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours are appropriate at 3.

Jason Davis motioned to approve the proposal with edits completed in the meeting. Julie Fox-Horton seconded. The motion was approved.

The next 4 new course proposals are designed to benefit undergraduate students majoring in one of the life sciences areas of study. Created based upon comments received from students during their last program review, these proposed courses will focus on the physics important to the life sciences. These courses can be used to fulfill the Natural Sciences Compass Core curriculum requirement.

-New Course: PHYS 2030 Physics of Life Sciences I

-New Course: PHYS 2031 Physics of Life Sciences Laboratory I

Donald Luttermoser provided an overview of the course and laboratory which introduce basic principles of mechanics, fluids, wave mechanics, and thermal physics as they pertain to the life sciences.

Confirmation from Primary Reviewers Daniel Hedden and Allen Coates

- ✓ Courses consistent with university goals
- ✓ Courses add value to the Department of Physics & Astronomy, 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.
- ✓ Courses are appropriate at 2000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours are appropriate at 3 (didactic) and 1 (laboratory).

Allen Coates motioned to approve the proposal as written completed in the meeting. Daniel Hedden seconded. The motion was approved.

-New Course: PHYS 2040 Physics of Life Sciences II

-New Course: PHYS 2041 Physics of Life Sciences Laboratory II

Donald Luttermoser provided an overview of the course and laboratory which focus on electricity, magnetism, electromagnetic induction and radiation, geometric optics, optical lenses and devices, nuclear physics, and medical applications.

Primary Reviewer Mike Stoots (didactic), Allen Coates and Daniel Hedden (laboratory)

Edits completed in the meeting

- PHYS 2040 Course Objective 2 – change students to possessive

Confirmation from Primary Reviewer Mike Stoots (didactic), Allen Coates and Daniel Hedden (laboratory)

- ✓ Courses consistent with university goals
- ✓ Courses add value to the Department of Physics & Astronomy, 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.
- ✓ Courses are appropriate at 2000 level.
- ✓ Credit hours are appropriate at 3 (didactic) and 1 (laboratory).

Mike Stoots motioned to approve the proposal with edits completed in the meeting. Allen Coates seconded. The motion was approved.

-Revise Curriculum: Substantive – Theatre, Musical Theatre

Karen Brewster was unable to attend the meeting. This proposal will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Other Discussion:

There are 7 courses plus the theatre proposal ready for review in the queue. Proposals from English, Music, Computing, and Nursing are in process for review prior to the March 15 deadline.

If a quorum is available, the UCC will meet next Wednesday, March 5, to review proposals currently in the queue. This will maximize available space on the March 12 agenda.

Jason Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Julie Fox-Horton seconded. Chelsie Dubay adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Brodrick
Approved 3/5/25