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UMM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

2016-17 MEETING #3 Minutes

September 21, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Moccasin Flower Room

Members Present: Bart Finzel (chair), Arne Kildegaard, Pieranna Garavaso, Peh Ng, Gwen Rudney, Tracey Anderson, Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Stephen Crabtree, Jennifer Deane, Kellie Meehlhause, Madison Hughes, Christi Perkinson, Kerri Barnstuble, and Judy Korn

Members Absent: Jessica Gardner

Visitors: Nancy Helsper and Jeri Squier

In these minutes: Social Sciences catalog course changes; and Interdisciplinary Studies catalog course changes

Announcements

Finzel explained that a few years ago, course proposals were split away from program changes to ensure that all approved course changes have been entered into PCAS before the committee looks at the program changes. It's obvious, however, that some of the course proposals are informed by program changes so he asked that division chairs allude to those program changes when discussing the ECAS proposals. Next week the Humanities course proposals will be on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting #2, September 14, 2016

MOTION (Bezanson/Garavaso) to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes, with corrections. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Catalog Course Changes

Division of the Social Sciences Catalog Course Changes

Anthropology (Anth)

Kildegaard stated that there have been significant changes made in anthropology. They have four major subfields (cultural, biological, archaeology, and linguistics). There is no faculty member to teach linguistics, and the program has shifted away from cultural anthropology towards biological and archaeology. Significant scaffolding has been done with three introductory courses in each of the three subfields they staff. At the 2xxx-level, they offer a methods class in different areas, a 2-credit applied class, one of which is service learning. At the senior level, a 2-course sequence includes a senior seminar of 4 credits providing theory that segues into the senior experience.

Anth 1103 – Peoples of the Past: Introduction to Archaeology (revised course)

Anth 1111 – Introductory Cultural Anthropology (revised course)

Anth 2002 – Learning from the Dead: Introduction to Methods in Archaeology and Biological Anthropology (revised course)

Kildegaard stated that these three course changes involve changing when they are offered. Anth 1103 and 2002 will change from fall to spring, and 1111 will change from spring to fall.

Anth 2202 – Men and Masculinities (revised course)
Anth 3455 – North American Archaeology (revised course)
Anth 3603 – Latin American Archaeology (revised course)

Kildegaard stated that the prereq is being removed from 2202. This will encourage students to take the course that is appropriate for them without previous experience in the subject. Anth 3455 and 3603 are removing the prereqs for the same reason and are also restoring the Gen Ed of SS.

Anth 4411 – Seminar in Anthropological Methodology (revised course)
Anth 4901 – Seminar in Anthropological Theory (revised course)
Anth 4902 – Senior Seminar (revised course)

Kildegaard explained that 4901 had gone through a major change with a new course number of 3001, the title change to Theory in Cultural Anthropology, and a decrease from 4 to 2 credits, a change from a 1xxx-level prereq (plus 4 additional credits in Anth or Soc) to any 2xxx-level Anth course. These changes are part of the new structure of the major, allowing students to take this course early in their major.

Anth 4411 is changing the name to Research in Cultural Anthropology to match its counterpart methods class, Anth 4412 Research in Archaeology and Biological Anthropology. Students will have the option to choose one or the other as the focus for their major. Anth 2001 is being added as a prereq to reflect the new major structure.

Anth 4902 is changing from 4 to 2 credits and will be paired with a 4-credit methods class (Anth 4411 or 4412) that gives students the opportunity to do their research during the fall semester.

Anth 3204 – Culture, Food, and Agriculture (deactivated course)
Anth 3601 – Social Justice and Human Rights in Latin America (deactivated course)
Anth 3602 – Women in Latin America (deactivated course)

Kildegaard stated that three courses are being deactivated because the faculty members who taught these courses are no longer teaching.

Anth 2001 – How We Study People: Introduction to Methods in Cultural Anthropology (new course)
Anth 2151 – Professional Skills in Anthropology (new course)
Anth 2152 – Applied Anthropology (new course)
Anth 3002 – Theory in Archaeology and Biological Anthropology (new course)
Anth 3461 – Archaeology of Eurasia and Africa (new course)
Anth 3751 – Primatology (new course)
Anth 3761 – Human Fossil Record (new course)
Anth 4412 – Research in Archaeology and Biological Anthropology (new course)

Anderson asked if the faculty member listed as Faculty Sponsor will be teaching all of these new courses or is her name on all of the new courses because she is the discipline coordinator. Kildegaard replied that she is the coordinator.

Finzel asked if the scaffolding structure may cause a rigidity in the curriculum to make it more challenging to staff. Anderson added that it seems that a lot of prereqs have been dropped in the process. She asked why prereqs are being removed from so many 3xxx-level courses. Kildegaard replied that they have close control over the scaffolding for the students in the major. Anthropology has been historically popular outside the major and they want to retain that while at the same time making their courses available to non-majors. Anderson asked what makes a course a 3xxx-level

course if there are no prerequisites. Kildegaard replied the amount and difficulty of readings make it a 3xxx-level course. Finzel stated that offering 3xxx-level courses without prereqs is nearly unique on campus. He suggested that Anthropology be prepared with an explanation for that decision at the Assembly level. Rudney said she thought she had read something about the assumption that people taking 3xxx-level courses are in their junior year. Finzel stated that as written, a 16 year old PSEO student could come into this 3xxx-level course. Kildegaard asked if he was being asked to take the proposals back the discipline. Finzel replied that Kildegaard should just let the discipline know that they should be prepared to talk to that, or the Assembly may decide to make an amendment. Bezanson added that they might also consider changing the course levels to 2xxx classes. Kildegaard stated that he would note that for the discipline.

Ng asked if the changes to the course that reduce Anth 3001 from 4 credits to 2 credits are the result of structural changes or content changes. Kildegaard replied that the content decreases by 50%. They are doing more cultural anthropology at the 2xxx level and more at the 4xxx level as part of the scaffolding. Garavaso noted that it seems anthropology is more rigid in structure to get through the major, but at the same time they have freed a lot of courses for non-majors as well. Crabtree noted that he like changing from 4 credits to 2 credits, since it can now focus on cultural anthropology rather than broadly covering anthropology. Rudney noted that questions about the courses are the result of not having seen the big picture of the program yet. Reviewing the course changes separately from the programs can result in some confusion. Garavaso stated that she thought that splitting the senior seminar is an original way to allow students to take a semester to get the tools and choose their topic in preparation for taking the 2-credit course to complete the major.

Finzel asked if the following understanding of the senior seminar is correct. A choice of one of the two 4-credit methods courses (4411 and 4412) will be taken in the fall and will lead into the 2-credit Senior Seminar, 4902, that will be taught in the spring. Anth 4411 or 4412 in the fall, will be the prereq for 4902 in the spring.

Economics (Econ)

- Econ 3005 – Experimental and Behavioral Economics I (revised course)
- Econ 3006 – Experimental and Behavioral Economics II (revised course)
- Econ 3009 – Political Economy (revised course)
- Econ 3014 – Game Theory: The Theory of Strategic Behavior I (revised course)
- Econ 3015 - Game Theory: The Theory of Strategic Behavior II (revised course)
- Econ 3113 – Money, Banking, and Financial Markets (revised course)
- Econ 3121 – Public Economics I (revised course)
- Econ 3122 – Public Economics II (revised course)
- Econ 3134 – Cooperative Business Model (revised course)
- Econ 3201 – Microeconomic Theory (revised course)
- Econ 3202 – Macroeconomic Theory (revised course)

Kildegaard noted that economics and management have been very good about removing redundant Gen Ed designators. All of the above courses have the SS Gen Ed designator removed. Econ 3005 also added a Stat prereq of either 1601 or 2601.

- Econ 3501 – Introduction to Econometrics (revised course)
- Econ 4501 – Senior Research Seminar in Economics and Management (revised course)

Kildegaard noted that Econ 3501 is being taught by a new tenure-track faculty member who has updated the course description and added Stat 2601 to the list of prereqs. Econ 4501 is a senior seminar that continues to evolve. As a result of the increase in economics majors arriving on campus through the Chinese student exchange agreement with SUFE, there haven't been sufficient resources to staff the senior seminars. The capstone experience is just a 4xxx-level course because we couldn't staff the senior seminars. Students left the capstone in droves, probably because they were afraid of the public presentation. The plan is to lengthen and deepen the current 4-credit course and 2-credit senior seminar. They are using the psychology discipline's idea of offering a 2-credit course segue into a 2-credit seminar. But economics offers an off-ramp for those who are not ready to complete the full-blown research course. This is the revision to Econ 4501. The new course, 4502, will be the second half.

Crabtree asked if Econ 4501 would be required of all majors, but not 4502. Kildegaard answered that neither are required for the major. Finzel added that 4xxx-level courses are required and there are a limited number of those. Bezanson asked if any of the 4xxx-level classes include a poster presentation or some kind of oral work. Kildegaard noted that the senior seminar is a 30-minute oral presentation, at the instructor's discretion. Bezanson noted that for those students who fear an oral presentation in front of a group of people, doing a poster presentation to a much smaller audience would be quite different and less frightening. She also offered to have her discipline meet with the students who need help getting through oral presentations.

Econ 4502 – Advanced Research Seminar in Economics and Management (new course)

Kildegaard noted that this course is the second half of Econ 4501. Economics and Management have a total of about 16 students. He imagines about half of them will choose this 2-credit course that includes an oral presentation. Ng asked if 4501 is an enforced prereq. Kildegaard replied that it is enforced.

Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS)

GWSS 3001 – Troubling Genders in African Cinema (deactivated course)

Kildegaard stated that the course is being deactivated. Garavaso asked if this was the course that Sarah Buchanan offered in the past. It could mean that Sarah cannot teach the course, and not that she would not want to teach it again in the future. Ng noted that it can always be reactivated.

History (HIST)

Hist 3181 – The Study of History: Schools, Rules, and Tools (revised course)

Hist 3213 – Modern Britain: Society, Culture, and Politics (revised course)

Deane stated that the subtitles of these two courses are being removed.

Hist 3356 – Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1974 (revised course)

Hist 3403 – American Indian Education: History and Representation (revised course)

Hist 3455 – American Immigration (revised course)

Deane stated that Hist 3356 is shifting the Gen Ed from Hist to E/CR. It won't affect students because there are plenty of Hist Gen Ed courses available. Hist 3403 is shifting the Gen Ed from HDiv to E/CR, and Hist 3455 is shifting from Hist to HDiv.

Hist 3005 – Africa Since 1700 (deactivated course)
Hist 3102 – Early Modern Europe (deactivated course)
Hist 3162 – The Scottish Enlightenment: Markets, Minds, and Morals (deactivated course)
Hist 3176 – Berlin as a Site of History (deactivated course)
Hist 3177 – Virtue and Vice in Amsterdam: From the Golden Age to the Global Age (deactivated course)
Hist 3464 – History of Suburban America (deactivated course)
Hist 3601 – Great Books in Latin American History (deactivated course)

Deane stated that these deactivations are based on the fact that they are no longer being offered. Please note that Hist 3162 is the same as Phil 3162, which is not being deactivated.

Hist 1112 – Introduction to Africa History to 1880 (new course)
Hist 1113 – Introduction to Africa History since 1880 (new course)
Hist 1819 – Medieval Cathedrals as Historical Sources (new course)
Hist 2132 – History of Fairy Tales and Folklore in Europe (new course)
Hist 2312 – History of South Africa to 1976 (new course)
Hist 2313 – History of South Africa since 1910 (new course)
Hist 2441 – The United States and the Great War (new course)
Hist 3021 – Gender and Sexuality in African History (new course)

Deane stated that there are a number of new courses added because of a new tenure-track faculty member in African history. The courses are all fitting nicely into the revised sequence of courses at the 2xxx and 3xxx level.

Human Services (HmSv)

HmSv 2001 – Introduction to Human Services (revised course)

Kildegard noted that this course is changing from 2001 to 3001. This class has a 1xxx-level course as a prerequisite, and the faculty believe the 3xxx level is the true level for the course. The name is being changed as well to Theory and Practice of Human Services. As an upper-division class, having “Introduction” in the title was misleading. Finzel asked if this means that there will be no 1xxx or 2xxx courses in HmSv and the introductory course begins at the 3xxx level. Sport Management is the only other major that doesn’t have an introductory course at the 1xxx level and it has a 2xxx-level course. Squier asked if the Gen Ed designator was being removed as well. That was confirmed and accepted as a friendly amendment. *[It was later determined that the SS Gen Ed would remain on the course because one of the prereq choices does not carry it.]*

HmSv 4896 – Internship in the Human Services (new course)

Kildegard explained that currently there are three different courses students can enroll in for an internship in the Human Services major (IS 3796, IS 3996, and Psy 4896). Now that there is the HmSv designator, they would like to use it for this capstone experience for Human Services.

Management (Mgmt)

Mgmt 3101 – Financial Management (revised course)
Mgmt 3102 – Financial Institutions (revised course)
Mgmt 3123 – Managerial Economics (revised course)
Mgmt 3162 – Labor Management Relations II (revised course)
Mgmt 3201 – Marketing Principles and Strategy (revised course)
Mgmt 3221 – Management and Organization Theory (revised course)

Kildegaard stated management is removing redundant Gen Ed designators on all of these courses.

- Mgmt 3171 – Leadership in Organizations (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 3351 – Globalization: Examining India’s Social and Economic Development (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 3352 – Emerging Markets in Asia (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 4201 – The Economics of Corporate Strategy I (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 4202 – The Economics of Corporate Strategy II (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 4601 – Advanced Topics in Financial Economics (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 4602 – Long Term Financing (deactivated course)
- Mgmt 4603 – Working Capital Management (deactivated course)

Kildegaard noted that these courses are being deactivated because the instructors who taught them are no longer here or, in one case, the course hasn’t been taught in over 10 years.

Political Science (Pol)

- Pol 3303 – Feminist Political Theory (revised course)

Kildegaard stated that the course was approved for the current catalog but has not yet been taught. The title and course description are being updated.

Psychology (Psy)

- Psy 3401 – Developmental Psychology I: Child Psychology (revised course)
- Psy 1301 – Psychology and Film (deactivated course)
- Psy 2112 – Psycholinguistics (deactivated course)
- Psy 2311 – Psychology of Excellence (deactivated course)
- Psy 2612 – Environmental Psychology (deactivated course)
- Psy 3051 – The Psychology of Women and Gender (deactivated course)
- Psy 3314 – Child and Adolescent Psychopathology (deactivated course)
- Psy 3315 – Parenting and Family Therapy (deactivated course)
- Psy 3502 – Psychology and Law (deactivated course)

Kildegaard stated that the change to 3401 is updating the term “adolescence” to “middle childhood.” The other courses are being deactivated. Psy 1301 has never been taught and is not likely to be taught in the future. Psy 3502 is being deactivated because there are not enough faculty to keep it in the class rotation. The rest of the courses are being deactivated because the instructor is no longer at UMM.

Sociology (Soc)

- Soc 3204 – Culture, Food, and Agriculture (Same as Anth 3204) (deactivated course)
- Soc 3601 – Social Justice and Human Rights in Latin America (deactivated course)
- Soc 3602 – Women in Latin America (deactivated course)

Kildegaard stated that the instructor of these courses has retired, and no current faculty are planning to teach them.

MOTION (Garavaso/Ng) to approve the proposed course changes in the Division of the Social Sciences. Motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Interdisciplinary Studies Catalog Course Changes

American Indian Studies (AmIn)

AmIn 1101 – Introduction to American Indian Studies (revised course)

AmIn 1803 – From Boarding Schools to Hip Hop: Native Modernities (revised course)

AmIn 3403 – American Indian Education: History and Representation (revised course)

AmIn 3404 – Contemporary Research issues in Native America (deactivated course)

Finzel explained that the course changes to AmIn 1101 presume that the name change of the discipline and course designators will be approved. That change will come forward as part of the program proposals. Anderson asked if the course designators will be changed automatically when the program name changes. Squier answered that they will be approved in a batch process. Finzel stated that at this point it is the course name that is being presented for approval, not the change of course designator (as the rationale states). Rudney noted that the change in title is not reflected in the course description. Shouldn't the terms "American Indian histories" and "American Indian societies" have been changed to "Native American histories" and "Native American societies"? Finzel agreed to take the proposal back to the discipline to request that the change be consistent. Bezanson asked if there are any other courses that actually discuss with indigenous persons. Garavaso replied that there are Nahuatl language classes. Finzel stated that there is not a lot of curriculum at this time, but the change that will be proposed invites it.

Honors (H)

IS 3251H – Honors: Chariots and Gladiators: Ancient Greek and Roman Athletes (new course)

Finzel noted that this is a new Honors course that adds to the expansion of offerings in the area of ancient history and literature.

Interdisciplinary (IS)

IS 2025 – Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and Modern Science (deactivated course)

IS 2201 – Latin American Immigration in the United States (deactivated course)

Finzel noted that the faculty members who taught these courses are no longer at UMM.

MOTION (Garavaso/Rudney) to approve the proposed course changes in Interdisciplinary Studies, with the exception of AmIn 1101. Motion was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Submitted by Darla Peterson