

Campus Assembly
University of Minnesota Morris
March 28, 2023 @ 11:40 am
Via Zoom

- I. **Opening Remarks.** Brief welcome from Steering Committee chair, Jon Anderson who will serve as Chair of Campus Assembly as Chancellor Ericksen is unable to attend.
- II. **For Action.** From the Steering Committee. Approve minutes from February 21 & 23, 2023 Campus Assembly Meeting. Motion carried as presented.
- III. **For Action.** From the Steering Committee. Scholar of the College Slate. Presented by Jon Anderson. Motion for the approval of Scholar of the College slate. Approved as presented.
- IV. **For Action.** From the Curriculum Committee. Curricular Changes. Presented by Peh Ng.

There are two main categories of changes I am presenting on behalf of Curr Comm's motion, i.e. to approve two new course proposals and a new subplan in the Economics Program. First, we have two new course proposals, both of which are study abroad experiences – CMR 2023 is a 2-cr IP communicating sustainability in Latvia course and SSA 1301 is a 1-cr international sports studies course and students will be going to New Zealand in summer 2023. Second, we have a proposal to add a new subplan to the Economics program. This is part of our system wide Integrated Degree Program (IDP) to bridge undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of Minnesota, offering eligible University undergraduates the opportunity to transition to a master's degree and complete both degrees in a shortened amount of time. This proposal of a 4+1 from a BA in Economics at UMN Morris to a MS in Applied Economics at the UMNTC is aligned with Aspiration 2 Priority 3 of the UMN Morris Strategic Commitments towards MPACT 2025, i.e. to improve pathways to, through, and beyond a UMN Morris degree. At this stage, the Curriculum Committee is asking CA to approve this change to the Econ program or PCAS. FYI, the next stage of the approval process be the provost's office, which includes a MOU between two campuses, and finally approval from the BOR. The motion to approve the above new courses and the proposal for a new 4+1 subplan from Economics comes from the Curr Comm and now, I will ask for discussions and questions from the floor.

Discussion/Questions: Delighted that this is a great initiative and hope more disciplines follow in the future. Questions were discussed regarding the international sports study course. Is this functioning like a topics course? The key thing is it was intentionally included to different countries per the instructor. The countries would be decided. We do the same thing with Music Performance tours. There is a standing course in the catalog that would cover the course that will apply to all programs that go.

Motion to approve the curricular changes. Approved as presented.

- V. **For Information.** From the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Student Affairs Pathways & Partnerships. Presented by Sandra Olson-Loy, Jeanne Williamson, Jay Kwateh, Cole Mammenga, liz thompson, Argie Manolis.

Good morning,

We want to share some updates on our work in Student Affairs with a sort of highlight film version of information we recently presented for the Board of Regents.

We'll focus on pathways and partnerships in three areas given their importance on campus and in today's world:

- Student mental health
- Dialogue & connections across difference
- Community engagement

This work aligns with and advances both Morris strategic priorities and UMN MPACT 2025 strategic commitments:

1. Student Success:

Goal 2) Enhance student experience, wellness, and success – including a systemwide mental health initiative, a holistic approach to student wellness, and strengthening career readiness and outcomes.

2. Discovery, Innovation, and Impact

Goal 2) Cultivate creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Goal 3) focuses on community engagement and achieving Carnegie Community Engagement designations for all UMN campuses – a distinction we have already achieved.

4. Community & Belonging Goals include cultivating a welcoming and inclusive campus climate, advancing understanding, and nurturing enduring partnerships.

It may be helpful to choose Zoom's speaker view as some of my colleagues join me in bringing this big work to life. I'm happy to welcome Jeanne Williamson, Assistant Director of Student Counseling, Health and Wellness, for additional highlights on our work fostering student mental health and wellbeing.

We look forward to sharing more in the future about similarly intentional work in other areas. We are building and making more visible student pathways and partnerships in student involvement and leadership; campus connections and community building; equity and inclusion; physical health, recreation, and fitness; and student support, persistence, and success,

Questions or comments? Based on time, please direct questions to Sandy or Jon.

VI. **For Information.** From the Faculty Consultative Committee. Update on the FCC. Presented by Jennifer Goodnough.

The election will be coming up, and I wanted to update you on two things. What the position is & what the committee does.

I am at the end of my first 3 year term. You are allowed 2 terms, so I am still eligible for a second term. Each year runs from July 1 - June 30, it does include summertime work. It starts with a two day retreat in August. The elected person also serves on the Senate Committee and they are also a Senator. They always meet on Thursdays. You represent faculty as a whole, not just Morris. With the time commitment, why would anyone want to do it? We do cool stuff, important stuff for sure. Work tends to be consultative and advisory. There has really been a shift with the current President and Provost. The consultation is real and we are being consulted before decisions are made. Spend time with the Regents, have meetings with them and take action if we find issue with anything. Consult with the task force. Another job is to report back if something is going on to the Dean & Chancellor. Also does the setting of

the Faculty Senate Agenda and docket, update our current Senators if we see something coming up that may be relevant to Morris. Advocating strongly for faculty engagement and compensation and all of the faculty positions that are not on a 10 year track and the role that they are playing. AF&T has a subcommittee and FCC has made sure that the different campuses all are getting caught in the umbrella of conversation.

Election will be coming up. I am willing to serve, if you would like to talk about it or have any questions, please feel free to reach out or reach out to any previous faculty member that has served.

VII. **For Information.** Update on McNair Program. Presented by Charise DeBerry. Postponed until the next meeting.

VIII. **For Information.** From the Steering Committee. Update on Community Hour Usage Study." Presented by Jon Anderson. Postponed until the next meeting.

IX. **Campus Committee Reports.**

X. **All University Reports.**
None

XI. **Announcements.**
Announcements should go to Jon if needed and he will get them out.

XII. **Adjournment.**
Motion made to end the meeting by Rolland Guyotte, 2nd by Windy Roberts.
Meeting adjourned at 12:40

2022-2023 Scholar of the College Nominations

Jessica Beaudoin

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Jessica Beaudoin, '23, biochemistry, has engaged in undergraduate research with Dr. Bryan Nell to investigate the use of indigenous plants of Minnesota to isolate, purify, and investigate the influence of the active compounds on cellular function. They presented their findings at the 2022 American Chemical Society National Conference. Other work done by Jessica has included beginning a student-led demonstration of chemistry topics to the general chemistry students and research with Dr. Danielle Bolland. They also obtained a spot in a prestigious Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, where they presented their research at the 2022 Summer Undergraduate Research Expo. This work, under Dr. Boya Xiong, was focused on developing antimicrobial nanocrystalline cellulose filters to help remove pathogens from drinking water. Jessica has also been part of the swimming and diving team at UMM and was elected captain for the 2022-23 season.

Bethanie Belisle

Grad Year: Spring 2024

Bethanie is a Political Science, Art History, and Medieval and Ancient Studies triple major. As a McNair summer scholar, she worked with Assistant Professor Tim Lindberg in 2022 on a project on Confederate monuments in the wake of recent racial justice protests. This project was presented at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference in Chicago, IL, with the title "Erasing or Creating History: The Causes of Confederate Statue Removal". It was also presented at the 2023 National Conference for McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research. Bethanie's research has also reflected her interest in art, serving as a Social Media Leader on campus for the past two years, working as an intern in the Medici Archive Project in 2022, and as a Morris Student Administrative Fellow (MSAF) in 2021-2022 where she worked on photography of the art work in the Humanities and Science Buildings on campus.

Briana Dokken

Grad Year: Spring 2024

Briana Dokken completed a research project at an REU (an NSF funded Research Experience for Undergraduate Students) at the Department for Physics and Astronomy at the University of Toledo. She annealed and analyzed a particular type of thin-film solar cells to improve their efficiency. While her experimental project was concluded by the end of the summer, she maintained contact with her advisers Drs. Rijal, Song, and Yan at the University of Toledo. She presented her work at the Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics in Iowa City in January 2023.

Joshua Eklund

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Joshua Eklund '23, computer science and statistics, worked with Associate Professor of Computer Science K.K. Lamberty on educational technology to support the story creation activities of emergent readers. In this work, he contributed to the development of software for children to be able to write stories and for adults to manage lists of words to make available to the children or view learner data. Eklund is a co-author on a publication about this work, Story Builder: Emergent Readers' Story Creation and Text Exploration with Computational Manipulatives, that has been submitted to Interaction Design and Children (IDC) 2023, an international conference to be held in Evanston, IL in June 2023.

Jaeger Gerold

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Jaeger Gerold '23 chemistry and biology conducted research on the synthesis of unsymmetrical bidentate phosphine oxides which was funded by the alumni supported CURF (Chemistry Undergraduate Research Fund). This air sensitive reaction was done in a glove box under nitrogen and characterized via Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR). This research was supervised by Dr. Bryan Nell and was presented at the American Chemical Society National meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Gerold is also an standout student athlete as a member of the University of Minnesota Morris football team and has made the Dean's list several times.

Ben Giese

Grad Year: Spring 2024

Ben Giese, '24, chemistry and secondary education, worked with Dr. Kara Nell investigating advances in carbon dioxide adsorption through amino-functionalized silica. He presented his findings at the 2022 American Chemical Society National Conference. He has also worked with Dr. Bryan Nell to investigate the separation of enantiomers. Ben's research conducted with Dr. Sarah McFall-Boegeman was presented at the 2023 ACS National Conference where he shared his findings on the increased corrosion resistance of sealed sulfuric acid anodized aluminum alloys. Ben served as the Chemistry Club Treasurer from 2019-23 and President from 2022-23. Ben was Lead Trumpet Chair of the Jazz Ensemble/ Big Band since 2019. He served on the Jazz Council and helped organize Jazz Fest since 2019, and even created the Fat Tuesday Celebration of Noise Concert in 2023. Ben not only was involved on campus, but he also organized free movies at the theater for the community for Halloween and Christmas.

Henry Hubred

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Henry Hubred is a Political Science major. He presented his work "Internet Political Content Creators and the Use of Polarizing Language" at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference in Chicago, IL. This work comes from an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) he completed with Associate Professor Roger Rose. Henry also served as a student researcher assisting Assistant Professor Tim Lindberg with recruitment for a rural political behavior survey at two county fairs during the summer of 2022. In addition, Henry was a Teaching Assistant (TA) for Associate Professor Roger Rose in his American Government course.

Audrey Le Meur

Grad Year: Fall 2022

Audrey Le Meur '22, computer science, worked with Associate Professor of Computer Science K.K. Lamberty on educational materials for a project funded by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). In this work, she contributed to the development and study of an augmented reality participatory simulation that allows for either in-person or remote learning for children to help them understand more about native bees and flowers in West Central Minnesota. Le Meur is a co-author on a publication about this work, *Pandemic Pivot: Designing a Participatory Simulation to Support Social Distancing and Remote Learning*, that was presented at Interaction Design and Children (IDC) 2021, an international conference which was held virtually in 2021.

Richard Lussier

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Richard Lussier worked for two years (2021-2023) on a research project in the field of evolutionary computation, resulting in the paper "The Impact of Step Limits on Generalization & Stability in PushGP", co-authored with his faculty advisor Nic McPhee. This paper was submitted to the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO), a premier international conference in the field. Richard's work examines the impact of step limits, a common tool used in the evolution of computer programs to handle the common problem of evolution leading to programs with infinite loops. While this has been a typical practice for decades, no one has ever explored the impact of these limits. This research has shown that these limits have substantial and complex implications for the evolutionary process and results, and will almost certainly affect the way that future research in the field is done.

Shelby Maloney

Grad Year: Summer 2023

Shelby Maloney is a Political Science and Economics double major. Her final project in POL 3251: American Democracy in Action was accepted for presentation at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference in Chicago, IL. The project, titled: "Abortion Position and Party ID: Are Beliefs Divided Symmetrically or Asymmetrically Across Religion and Ideology?" examines the question whether abortion attitudes are driven by religious views or ideology within each major political party in the United States. Shelby also worked, in 2020-2021, with Professor Bart Finzel on a MAP where she gathered data to create a map of all of the cooperatives in Minnesota. She is currently a Campus Assembly Representative sitting on Steering Committee for MCSA, the President of Pi Sigma Alpha/Political Science Club, and has been Captain of the UMN-Morris Women's Golf Team for two years.

Emily Miller

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Emily Miller, '23, chemistry (biology and Spanish minors), worked with Dr. Bryan Nell where she focused on the synthesis of unsymmetrical bidentate phosphine oxides to be used as ligands to produce chiral-at-metal complexes for use in future asymmetric catalysis. This research was presented at the American Chemical Society National Conference in 2023. She has also conducted undergraduate research with Dr. Sarah McFall-Boegeman to determine an electrochemical detection method for metals and pesticides in our natural waterways and drinking water. She presented this work at the Undergraduate Research Symposium at Morris in 2023. Emily served as a teaching assistant and student laboratory prep person for the general chemistry and analytical laboratory courses, respectively. Emily continued to support her classmates by serving as the 2023 student representative to the chemistry discipline and was a member of the ACS Student Affiliates (Chem Club) on campus.

Trinity Milne

Grad Year: Spring 2024

Trinity Milne '24 chemistry, is a McNair Scholar who conducted research on unsymmetrical bidentate phosphine oxides which are reduced and used as ligands to produce chiral-at-metal complexes. This work was funded by the alumni supported CURF (Chemistry Undergraduate Research Fund). This air sensitive reaction was done in a glove box under nitrogen and characterized via Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR). This research was supervised by Dr. Bryan Nell and was presented at the American Chemical Society National meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Milne has made the Dean's list several times. She has also played baritone sax in one of the jazz ensembles and participated as the student representative in multiple faculty search committees.

Erik Rauer

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Erik Rauer '23, mathematics and computer science, completed several undergraduate research projects in mathematics and computer science with Peh Ng and Nic McPhee as faculty collaborators. He has also completed a summer research project supported by a national Collaborative Mathematical Research Program for Undergraduates. Erik has presented results of his research at several conferences, including his most recent work on "Small Ramsey Numbers using Gluing Methods," at the American Mathematical Society Joint Meeting in Boston in January 2023. Erik has also given two presentations, namely "Pseudo Euler Tours and Trails in a 3-Directed Hypergraph," and "Generating Training Cases for Evolutionary Computation Using QuickCheck," at the URS 2022 and URS 2021, respectively. He has also co-presented with Nic McPhee at the Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XVIII virtual conference in 2021 on their project, "Dynamically Generating GP Training Cases Using QuickCheck."

Melanie Rittenhouse

Grad Year: Spring 2024

Melanie has worked on the simulation of optical effects in clouds on Mars since her freshmen year. She focused on carbon dioxide particles as well as water ice particles in the Martian atmosphere which would scatter light into halo effects captured by the cameras of one of the Mars rovers. Melanie worked on this project with her mentor Sylke Boyd throughout, mostly working over Zoom. She developed crystal files for carbon dioxide to use in the HaloSim model, and a system of feature classifications for the data analysis. This project culminated in her poster presentation at a national conference, as well as at URS. Since fall 2022, Melanie is working with Steven Collazos on a new project in computational neuroscience.

Dean Schmit

Grad Year: Spring 2023

In Spring 2022, Schmit presented research on the 1980s farm crisis at UMM's Undergraduate Research Symposium. While scholars have examined the farm crisis using the tools of social history, Schmit used gender analysis to argue that men and women experienced farm closures in much different ways: women turned toward religion far more often than men, and men emphasized the suppression of emotion far more than women. Bringing together interviews, newspaper articles, scholarly writing on the farm crisis, and their own family's history, Schmit argued that these gendered patterns of behavior could be found across the political spectrum in both left-wing and right-wing responses to farm closures. Additionally, Schmit planned to present at the 2023 Undergraduate Research Symposium their research on how Paul Bunyan stories carry forward uphold specific ideas about gender and ethnicity.

Emma Seurer

Grad Year: Spring 2024

Emma Seurer, '24, Chemistry (biochemistry subfield), has participated in research with Dr. Pirinelli-Deslauriers in the Spring 2022 through Spring 2023 semesters on coupling carbohydrates with aromatic alcohols (Spring 2022 as an ItR student and Fall 2022-Spring 2023 as a MAP student) and will be presenting this research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium at UMN Morris. She also participated in research at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities during the summer of 2022 and presented a poster titled "Evaluation of the Sight OLO hematology analyzer for point-of-care testing in nonhuman primates" at the UofM Department of Surgery Research Symposium in October 2022.

Ruby Wittmayer

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Ruby Wittmayer, 2023, Cleghorn, IA Theatre Arts, was actively involved in theatre. Her regional work includes Assistant Costumer and Stage Manager for A Midsummer Night's Dream at Morningside University IA, lead Costume Designer for Hamlette: The Conscience of a Queen as well as Designer for Siouxland Christian Schools Newsies. As a student at UMM Ruby was a costume designer for Charlotte's Web. This show demanded a blending of contemporary costumes with fantastical animals. The additional challenge Ruby faced in the design process was that the director's concept was to design using clothes from our current costume stock. She also designed Hunting and Gathering, Alone, Together and The Seed and Romeo and Juliet for the Theatre Discipline and If It Don't Hurt, It Ain't Love, Almost Maine and Sure Thing for our student run Theatre organization. Alone, Together was one of twelve shows in our Region invited to the first ever virtual American College Theatre Region Five Conference.

Natasha Zebrev

Grad Year: Fall 2022

Natasha Zebrev '22, computer science, worked with Associate Professor of Computer Science K.K. Lamberty on educational technology to support the story creation activities of emergent readers. In this work, she contributed to the development of software for children to be able to write stories and for adults to manage lists of words to make available to the children or view learner data. Zebrev is a co-author on a publication about this work, Story Builder: Emergent Readers' Story Creation and Text Exploration with Computational Manipulatives, that has been submitted to Interaction Design and Children (IDC) 2023, an international conference to be held in Evanston, IL in June 2023.

Bryan Zepeda

Grad Year: Spring 2023

Bryan Zepeda, '23, Chemistry (biochemistry subfield), has participated in research with Dr. Pirinelli-Deslauriers on CURF Research during the Fall 2022 through Spring 2023 academic year isolating


medicinal compounds from local plants. He also has participated in research at the University of Colorado studying zebrafish development: he gave a presentation at the end of his internship as well as his senior seminar on this research entitled "Roles of Mmp17b and Filopodia on Neural Crest Cell Migration". He is also a four-year member of the UMN Morris NCAA Track and Field team as a thrower and is part of the TRIO program at UMN Morris.

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March 2, 2023

Memo to: Steering Committee

From: Peh Ng, Curriculum Committee Chair 

Subject: UMN Morris curricular course changes proposed

Below are items approved by the Curriculum Committee that we request be placed on the agenda for the March 28, 2023 meeting of the Campus Assembly. For more detail, please review the documents in this [folder](#), which we also ask be made available to members of the Assembly.

A summary of votes cast by Curriculum Committee members (13 voting, 3 non-voting) is presented below:

Program/Form/Course Action	Meeting Date	Vote (For-Against-Abstentions)
Division of Education New Course: SSA 1301 : International Sport Studies	3/2/2023	(9-0-0)
Division of the Humanities: New Course: CMR 2023 : Communicating Sustainability in Latvia	3/2/2023	(10-0-0)
Division of the Social Sciences: Economics PCAS (this is part of UMN's Integrated Degree Program) Sample Plan	3/2/2023	(9-0-1)