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## **UMN Morris Curriculum Committee**

October 8, 2020, 11:40 a.m. Meeting #6

Zoom

Members Present: Janet Ericksen (Chair), Stacey Aronson, John Barber, Cameron Berthiaume, Barbara Burke, Jennifer Deane, Stephen Gross, Nic McPhee, Marcus Muller, Ben Narvaez, Peh Ng, Michelle Page, Shanda Pittman

Members Absent: Rebecca Dean, Simón Franco

Others present: Terri Hawkinson, Emma Kloos, Jeri Squier, Robyn VanEps

### **In these minutes: Catalog review - Social Science**

#### #1 Welcome and announcements

Welcome to an additional student. We now have three student members: John Barber, Cameron Berthiaume, Shanda Pittman.

Ericksen shared that consultation on the writing requirement possible revision continues. A campus conversation is scheduled for Monday to share a preliminary summary and begin the broader conversation about it. Ericksen is meeting with the Scholastic Committee on Thursday, October 15. She is also meeting with Sam Rosemark to discuss how we might reach more students for discussion. Depending upon the feedback and any subsequent adjustments to the proposal, the proposal could be brought for discussion to the October 27 Campus Assembly. Doing so would leave one more Campus Assembly meeting this semester at which discussion could continue or, just possibly, a vote could occur. The summary document that Ericksen is working on will be shared with this group for edits and questions (in committee Drive folder: [UMN Morris Writing Requirement Revision Proposal](#)), but probably for viewing only at the campus level.

Please plan on meeting next week at the additional time.

#### #2 Approval of Minutes

Ng, Barber motion to approve minutes from September 24, 2020. Passed (9-0-0)

Deane, Ng motion to approve minutes from October 1, 2020. Passed (9-0-1)

#### #3 Catalog: Social Science

Deane explained that she would introduce each discipline's changes by sharing their form B. Primarily, the Social Sciences changes are course deactivations. Some new courses are due to program development or student requests. Psychology is the only discipline that made programmatic changes.

Motion from Social Science seconded by McPhee to approve the catalog changes from Anthropology. Changes made to simplify catalog and to reflect current offerings. Deactivating Anth 1865 (another IC course will be offered) and 2152. Motion passed (9-0-1).

Motion from Social Science seconded by McPhee to approve the catalog changes from Economics. Changes update the catalog with current offerings and minor description changes. Deactivating 3132 Comparative Economic Systems II, but retaining 3131 and adjusting the title to Comparative Economic Systems. Econ 4101/4102 prerequisites are changed to allow 3123 as a prerequisite in response to student requests. Deane reviewed changes in descriptions, but assured the committee that they don't represent content changes. Previous descriptions were broad and new descriptions clarify topic matter. Senior seminar removed "max 4 cr" because students can take an additional 2-credit course that follows up the Senior Seminar course. Courses that currently require Engl 1601 will be adjusted to accept an equivalent course if the writing requirement proposal is approved. Motion passed (9-0-0).

GWSS had no changes.

Motion from Social Science seconded by Barber to approve the catalog changes from History. Hist 1818 is being moved to 2616. Three additional courses are removed from the catalog to reflect that Deane is unable to provide them while she is division chair. There remain seven IC courses from History in the catalog, which is a lot to offer in the next two years. Social Science does anticipate offering many of them. Two IC courses are added and two other upper level courses. McPhee asked if TC imposes limits on descriptions. There is a character limit, but it is larger than it used to be. Nancy Helsper used to do significant editing, but now the committee needs to keep that in mind and be that editor. Motion passed (10-0-0).

Motion from Social Science seconded by Burke to approve the catalog changes from Management. Deane reviewed deactivations. Burke shared that Public Speaking 1042 has not been offered and should be removed as a prerequisite. Committee agreed to count that change as editorial. Management also wishes to change "periodic" to specific years in a few courses. Motion passed (10-0-0).

Motion from Social Science seconded by Ng to approve the catalog changes from Political Science. Deactivating a course that wasn't even listed in the last catalog. Adding POL 2202 Criminal Justice and Policing in response to student requests. Other changes in when courses are being offered. A lot of interest is anticipated in 2202. Motion passed (10-0-0).

Motion from Social Science seconded by Barber to approve the catalog changes from Psychology. While there are many changes, they are not structural program changes. Student learning outcomes have been updated. Dean, as assessment coordinator, was consulted about putting together the new PSLOs and she supports them. Adjusted a few prerequisites to allow students easier access to them. Deactivating 3404. Adding Psy 1026 Reclaiming Happiness, 1812 (IC course), 2112, 3216. Psy 3211 and 3216 credit load is adjusted to 4/4 from 5/3 (stays 8-credit sequence). Streamlined other offerings. Ng asked for more explanation about the credit changes for 3211 and 3216. In reducing Psy 3211 from 5 credits to 4 credits, Deane explained, one hour of the lab experience is being incorporated into the classroom time. This is now consistent with other psychology courses. Psy 3216 increased from 3 credits to 4 credits, and Deane noted that while the form did not present rationale for additional material, her

understanding is that the additional credit in 3216 will allow the course to dive further into material. Vote will be made contingent on additional rationale for the credit change. Adjusting two course prerequisites to remove obstacles for Education majors to take courses needed for licensure. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Motion from Social Science seconded by McPhee to approve the catalog changes from Sociology. Deactivations due to faculty retirement. This does create a burden on remaining courses in the major so that will need to be addressed elsewhere. Ng asked about removing HDIV GenEd courses and the impact. Deane did concur that this will have an impact. Ng encouraged thinking of other courses that could meet that GenEd requirement. McPhee asked about a Form A type form that would help the Curriculum Committee visualize the impact to GenEd categories. Ericksen agreed that it would be good for the committee to review that at the conclusion of the catalog changes. Dean commented that that type of review happens in CSLO discussions. Also, Sociology is a pillar of Human Services major and the impact of losing classes in Sociology will be felt in that area as well. Motion passed (7-0-1)

Motion from Social Science seconded by Barber to approve the catalog changes from Human Services. Only new course is the 2202 which is cross listed with Political Science (approved earlier). This course is now required for the Criminal Justice subplan. Motion passed (7-0-0).

Watch for a summary document about the writing requirement. Please join the Campus Conversation next Monday. It is an opportunity to talk about the writing requirement revision proposal. Ericksen will confirm the additional meeting on Thursday, which is likely.