

UCUI Minutes Jan 31 2023 (virtual mtg)

Attendees: Kristin Landis-Piwowar, Kathy Dailey (Scribe), Tricia Westergarrd, Sara Webb, Jennifer Cordon Thor, Mario Scibilia, Chhabi Govind, Richard Olawoyin, Cheryl Jusela, Theresa Anasti, Melanie Chamberlain, Nicole Boelk, Sam Rosenthal, Yan Li, Ginnie Uhley, Sunwoo Shin, Emily Spunaugle

Absent: Emma Garrett, Jimena Garcia, Donna Free, Joshua Haworth (provided e-vote)

1. Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2023

Motion: C Jusela, Second: J. Cordon Thor

Approved

OLD BUSINESS: INFORMATION

OLD BUSINESS: ACTION

2. Wellness and Health Promotion, B.S. Modification Proposal to change its name to Public Health, B.S. with a Specialization in Wellness and Health Promotion; Department of Public & Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences - Rebecca Cheezum

- Originally presented to UCUI on 11/29/22 and was deferred requesting approved two-hour electives, updated COI minutes, defined courses for specialization or explanation as to why a specialization is not needed, and updated Curriculog documentation
 - Updated documents submitted on 1/30/23
- Addressed UCUI feedback from November meeting
- COMMENT: Electives are confusing.
- RESPONSE: These are open electives for students. What is listed are potential options; not actually “recommended” courses
- COMMENT: Change the catalog copy to indicate that a student has 18 credits of free electives without listing “recommended” courses
- COMMENT: Name of the degree -how do I earn a degree in Public Health
- RESPONSE: At this time, it is a specialized degree; It will take time for the Public Health only option to be in place
- RESPONSE: This is fulfilling all of the accreditations requirements for a bachelor of science degree of public health through the wellness and health promotion courses / This is a “both /and” opportunity
- COMMENT: Taking the time to change the degree now could prove beneficial
- RESPONSE: After consulting both programs and lengthy discussions, this was the proposal that was decided upon to move forward
- COMMENT: Could this be a degree in Public Health as well as a second option of the degree with specialization? What qualifies the specialization?

- RESPONSE: There is “content” in the specialization courses that fulfill accreditation requirements
 - The faculty in the dept had a specific desire to be inclusive of those faculty not within the public health umbrella (but rather under the wellness and health umbrella)
- COMMENT: Writing 1060 is listed as a core requirement / this is a gen ed requirement / recommendation to remove from the core requirement
- RESPONSE: Dept will remove this
- COMMENT: This appears to be a name change and it is really a curriculum change / developing a Public Health program would be most helpful at this time
- COMMENT: If this is the “transition” plan as the dept builds a public health degree in the future, the structure of moving forward could potentially be very confusing for students with not putting the public health degree forward initially
- COMMENT: Transcripts will indicate “wellness and health promotion courses” and not necessarily indicate public health courses (concern for employers and grad programs confusion)
 - Employers would have to research courses and the program to determine course content and that the program is accredited
- COMMENT: What is worth doing is worth doing well / this may be meeting all of the requirements, but does it meet the need for the univ and for the students?
- COMMENT: Is this a Wellness and Health Promotion B.S. with a specialization in Public Health?
 - No, there would need to be undergrad courses in public health to lead to the “specialization” and those are not included here.
- COMMENT: This is really a name change but the value is not clear for students

Motion to Defer

Motion: C. Govind, Second: R. Olawoyin

Motion to Defer this proposal was Approved

3. Wellness and Health Promotion, B.S. to Accelerated Second Degree BSN Pathway Modification Proposal to change its name to Public Health, B.S. to Accelerated Second Degree BSN Pathway; Department of Public & Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences - Rebecca Cheezum

- Originally presented at UCUI on 11/29/22 and was Deferred requesting approved two-hour electives, updated COI minutes, defined courses for specialization or explanation as to why a specialization is not needed, and updated Curriculog documentation
- Updated documents submitted on 1/30/23)
- COMMENT: Update catalog language to ensure the full name in the catalog description

Motion to Defer

Motion: C. Govind, Second: R. Olawoyin

Motion to Defer this proposal was Approved

4. Wellness and Health Promotion, B.S. to Master of Public Health (MPH) Dual Degree Plan Modification Proposal to change its name to Public Health, Bachelor of Science and Public Health Master of Public Health, Combined B.S. and MPH; Department of Public & Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences - Rebecca Cheezum

- Originally submitted to UCUI on 11/29/22 and Deferred for updated COI minutes and include additional 2 credit hour options specifically outlined and updated Curriculog document
- Updated documents submitted on 1/30/23)
- COMMENT: Language surrounding electives should match suggestions above on Number 2
- COMMENT: Adjust so that core requirements are aligned
- COMMENT: 6 credit elective / stated differently / consider just removing the confusing language
- COMMENT: Writing 1060 to be removed from the core requirements
- RESPONSE: Adjustments can be made by dept

Motion to Defer

Motion: C. Govind, Second: R. Olawoyin

Motion to Defer this proposal was Approved

5. Journalism B.A. Proposal to remove this major to be replaced with 3 B.A. programs with specializations that are updated to be more relevant to incoming students; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences - Kathy Battles

- UCUI Follow Up - name + not having a generalist “catch all”
 - The word journalism needs to be very specific and both meaningful to students and employers based on the fact that journalism is very specific training
 - Generalist Option - would be a lot of dept redesign / students will be able to be directed through advising
 - Media and Society option would be the most generalist
 - Most students enter the programs with a previous interest and desire
- COMMENT: Is there a benefit for a student to choose a Journalism degree with 3 separate majors within the degree
- RESPONSE: The Dept prefers the idea of specialization based on industry need
 - Students have a set of skills/training that are easily transferable into the specializations
 - Many programs across the country are blending their programs to this model
 - Document shared with group; Names of other programs across the state
 - The presented titles are different than what others are doing
- COMMENT: The naming of the major is still a concern
 - What are the items that need to be in the major portion and preparing the student for the field compared to what is the specialization

- RESPONSE: Core courses are required and each individual specialization has specific, individual courses required
- COMMENT: The curriculum codes for three specializations would be different, so would three different majors / the naming on the transcript will have highly abbreviated names / what names in this program are attractive to students?
 - Consider students choosing a major and how a transcript will appear at graduation (30 characters on the transcript)
- RESPONSE: There are positives to having the specializations noted
 - Students share a set of core courses that provide a broad level of needed courses to become experts in the journalism portion / the specialization would be unique to each student's specific choice
 - Using major goes against what the approach the dept would like to offer students
- COMMENT: Not a curriculum issue rather than a naming concern at this point
- COMMENT: Registrar will work through the naming and coding issues with the dept if the curricular elements are approved by the committee.

6. Journalism and Media Studies, B.A., Specialization in Broadcasting and Digital Media Practice Proposal; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences - Kathy Battles

- See notes under Item #5

No Quorum to vote

7. Journalism and Media Studies, B.A., Specialization in Journalism and Emerging Media Proposal; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences - Kathy Battles

- See notes under Item #5

No Quorum to vote

8. Journalism and Media Studies, B.A., Specialization in Media and Society Proposal; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences - Kathy Battles

- See notes under Item #5

No Quorum to vote

9. Revision to the Motion from the Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Minor - Kristin Landis-Piwowar

- COMMENT: Suggestion to allow special circumstances with a process to be brought forward

- COMMENT: Keep the policy as it is - if the senate feels a definition of something new needs to be proposed, then that can be addressed, but no policy edit is needed
 - If credits do not fit into a minor policy, it moves to a different category
 - A unit can request a petition to allow different credits
- COMMENT: All policies can be updated
- COMMENT: UCUI Charge “To make recommendations to the University Senate regarding proposed and existing undergraduate programs, including recommendations for program modification, suspension, or discontinuance”
 - To recommend to the University Senate academic policies and procedures concerning undergraduate education and, when necessary, seek advice from other appropriate bodies concerning the impact of these policies and procedures
- RESPONSE: Leave it as it is when returning to Senate Steering Committee and Univ Senate

10. DRAFT - Policy for Undergraduate Credit for Prior Learning - Kristin Landis-Piwowar

11. DRAFT - Policy for Definition of Certificate - Kristin Landis-Piwowar

12. DRAFT - Policy for Definition of Concentration - Kristin Landis-Piwowar

NEW BUSINESS: INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS: ACTION

13. Modification to the Communication, B.A. program proposal to make our majors more attractive and meaningful to students, better organize and modernize both disciplinary and department developments over the past decade and offer our students a greater chance to explore their individual interests and professional goals within their degree; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences - Kathy Battles

- Communication is a broad field and degree was becoming scattered
- There was a need for students to have a choice of particular interest
 - Overgeneralization within the dept
 - Removing media studies to place with journalism allowed an updating of communication degree
- COMMENT: Section 5 (corequisite - ASL not ALS correction)
- COMMENT: Transcript will not indicate that a student has / what is value of breaking it into the different categories
- RESPONSE: The dept value is to indicate to students that there are groups of courses that have a particular focus and pathways to the major
- COMMENT: Modify language for course requirements in the areas where students are to choose two courses from different categories. Please revise.

No Quorum

14. Modification to the Modern Language, Modified, with Select Majors and Minors to change its name to Modern Language, Additional Major; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, College Arts and Sciences - Stephen Filler

- COMMENT: Name change; Is Additional Major appropriate? What will be indicated on the transcript?
- RESPONSE: Using "Additional" was preference but dept open to using "Second" or "Third" Major

No Quorum

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