

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: September 24, 2008

Present:	Loretta Morgan	Agnes Samples
	Maggie McBride	Gary Acton
	Mark Jacobson	Brian Gurney
	Jennifer Leonard	Dixie Metheny
	Alan Christensen	Cindy Dell
	Vern Gagnon	Rita Kratky (for C. Johannes)

Absent: Jim Hughs Trisha Biggs – *excused*

Guest: Joy Honea



Mark Jacobson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, in the in the Missouri room of the SUB.

The April 16 minutes were accepted as presented.

- Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Maggie McBride to reorganize the agenda to move the chair alternate election first.

- There was no opposition to the motion.

I. ELECTION OF CHAIR ALTERNATE FOR 2008-2009

- Maggie McBride nominated **Cindy Dell**, and she agreed to serve.

- Cindy Dell was elected Chair Alternate.

II. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 4 BS Major in Criminal Justice. Modification of an existing program.

Item 4.a BS Major in Sociology. Modification of an existing program.

Item 4.b BA Major in Sociology. Modification of an existing program.

Item 4.c Minor in Sociology. Modification of an existing program.

Item 4.f SOCL 401 Formal Organizations. New course.

Item 4.g SOCL/CRIM 450 Computer Crime. New course.

Item 4.h SOCL/POLS 465 Sociology of Law. New course.

Item 4.j SOCL 232 Dating and Mate Selection. Change number to 333.

Item 4.k SOCL 433 Dysfunctional Families. Delete course.

Item 4.L SOCL 485 Professional Development and Assessment. Change number, title, credits, course description.

Item 4.m SOCL 470 Sport and Society. New course.

- Motion by Dixie Metheny, seconded by Maggie McBride to **approve Items 4, 4.a, 4.b, 4.c, 4.f, 4.g, 4.h, 4.j, 4.k, 4.L, and 4.m on first reading.**

Joy Honea, Sociology, stated that this appears to be a huge pack of information, but it contains only a few changes and cleaning up of items. There have been many changes in faculty and this package contains long-needed updates to the curriculum. The Sociology BA and BS have four “areas” in which students must choose courses. Many of the courses are not Sociology courses, leading to student confusion, as well as assumptions about double counting. Some students thought they could get six credits for a three-credit course by counting it in both their major and minor. These program changes will eliminate many of those non-Sociology courses, as well as set up mechanisms to ensure students take both a lower- and upper-division core courses. The capstone course, which is taught in-load, will also be increased from one to three credits, making it a much more effective course. BS Sociology students are currently required to take one year of a foreign language plus six credits of MATH or COMP. They will now be required to take STAT 141 plus one MATH or COMP course.

Dr. Honea also noted this package includes moving SOCL 205 (Principles and Methods of Social Science Inquiry) to a 300-level course. Many students are unprepared for the depth of the course at the 200-level and it is much more appropriate as an upper-level course. However, this change is still at the College of Education for approval, along with a separate corequisite lab course and the Sociology Teaching Minor. Also, many Sociology courses do not have prerequisites due to the diversity of the field.

The question was raised as to how many upper-division credits are required. Dr. Honea noted the students are required to earn 20 credits of upper-division. Getting that many is difficult, especially for transfer students, but the core is set up to guide the students into a path with lots of upper-division courses.

The question of staffing for the new courses was raised. Dr. Honea noted that some of the courses were already taught as seminars and have been for years. The new CRIM 450 course was requested by the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and it is up to the Dean to get it staffed. The other courses, offered as restricted electives, will be on a rotation. Although students may not be able to take a course they really wanted, they will not be kept from graduating because other options will be available.

There are four additional course changes on their way to the UCC, to cross-list SOCL courses with the CRIM rubric, as they are presented in the program modifications presented today.

- Motion carried.

Second reading will be held when the other materials arrive.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.
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