

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 16, 2024

Present: Jeff Willardson
Josh Hill
Ying Wang
Nicole Bogunovich
Jaki Penninger (Registrar representative)

Carl Castles
Scott Butterfield
Robin Rasmussen

Absent: Jennifer Scroggins*
Elaine Westbrook

Karen Washburn*

**excused*

Guests: Tom Regele
Kathleen Thatcher
Richard Warner

Ana Diaz
Jason Comer
Brent Finger



The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Chancellor’s Conference Room with some members attending via Teams.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 11 were accepted as presented.

II. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Item 1		
International Studies Minor	Edited	9/3/2024

- Motion by Robin Rasmussen, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **approve Item 1.**

Tom Regele, English, Philosophy & Modern Languages, noted that the minor used to require Wester Civ, which the History Department no longer offers. The program now requires a seminar titled “Language, Culture, and Identity” and the capstone. Everything else is the same. It was noted that since the “Language, Culture, and Identity” seminar has been offered for years, it should be made into a regular course rather than using the 294 over and over again.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Item 1 will go to the Senate as an action item.

Group 2		
Applied Psychology Program of Study Associate of Arts Degree	Deleted	10/8/2024
Psychology Teaching Minor	Deleted	10/8/2024

- Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Nicole Bogunovich to **approve Group 2.**

Brent Finger, Chair of Psychology, noted that there are no students in these programs and have not been for some time. There is little interest.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Group 2 will go to the Senate as consent items.

Group 3		
BIOO 320: General Botany	Edited	10/8/2024
BIOO 321: General Botany Lab	Edited	10/8/2024
BIOO 432: Medical Botany	Added	10/8/2024
BIOO 433: Plant Physiology	Edited	10/8/2024
BIOO 434: Plant Physiology Lab	Edited	10/8/2024

- Motion by Robin Rasmussen, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **approve Group 3.**

Jason Comer, Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that General Botany will be switching to every other year, to alternate with the new course Medical Botany. Medical Botany has been offered as a seminar already and has been well enrolled. The changes to Plant Physiology are to increase the lab credits to 2, as it is a lab-heavy course pair.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Group 3 will go to the Senate as consent items.

Group 4		
BIOB 120: Fund of Bio Plants & People	Added	10/8/2024
GEO 112: Montana Geology	Added	10/8/2024

- Motion by Nicole Bogunovich, seconded by Robin Rasmussen to **approve Group 4.**

Carl Castles, Chair of Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that, as part of the Gen Ed program changes, their department gave up the lab credit. Previously, students had to take 7 credits of science: two lectures and one, one-credit lab. The new Gen Ed program will only require 6 credits, but students will still be required to have a “lab component,” as per the MUS Core. One way to do that is having a two-credit lecture, one-credit lab course.

Dr. Comer noted that he is currently teaching a pilot of the BIOB 120 course. The department will offer two other courses in the same vein, but with different emphases.

Dr. Castles noted that the new GEO 112 will be the non-science major course, much like the current BIOB 101 is for non-science majors. GEO 112 will be two credits and students will take the (already existing) GEO 102 lab for one credit. If students take GEO 112 and 102 and decide they want to switch majors, they will not have to take an additional foundation course.

The question was raised as to which science Gen Ed courses will be offered online. Dr. Castles responded that the previous online versions of the GEO courses did not go well, so they likely will not be online. However, PHSX 103 & 104 work well online and will continue to be offered in that mode, perhaps exclusively online.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Group 4 will go to the Senate as action items.

Item 5		
BIOO 436: Plant Systematics Lab	Edited	10/8/2024

- Motion by Robin Rasmussen, seconded by Nicole Bogunovich to **approve Item 5.**

Dr. Comer stated they are only adding “field intensive” to the course description. The Department has decided to note this on several of their courses.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Item 5 will go to the Senate as a consent item.

Item 6		
CHMY 121: Intro to General Chemistry	Edited	10/8/2024

- Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Robin Rasmussen to **approve Item 6.**

Dr. Castles noted this is a Gen Ed course with multiple sections taught every year, and for the last 20 years the lab was not listed as a corequisite. They are fixing that.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Item 6 will go to the Senate as a consent item.

Item 7		
BIOH 333: Cancer Biology	Added	10/8/2024

- Motion by Nicole Bogunovich, seconded by Ying Wang to **approve Item 7.**

Richard Warner, Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that this course has been offered as a special topics, with good enrollment. It will be an upper-division elective.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Item 7 will go to the Senate as an action item.

Group 8		
EGEN 105: Intro to General Engineering	Deleted	10/8/2024
EGEN 201: Engineering Mechanics-Statics	Deleted	10/8/2024
EGEN 202: Engineering Mechanics-Dynamics	Deleted	10/8/2024
EGEN 205: Mechanics of Materials	Deleted	10/8/2024
EGEN 298: Cooperative Educ/Internship	Deleted	10/8/2024

- Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Nicole Bogunovich to **approve Group 8.**

The pre-engineering program is gone, so they are deleting the courses, as well.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Group 8 will go to the Senate as consent items.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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