

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 30, 2024

Present: Carl Castles
Jennifer Scroggins
Karen Washburn
Robin Rasmussen
Jaki Penninger (Registrar representative)

Josh Hill
Scott Butterfield
Elaine Westbrook
Nicole Bogunovich

Absent: Jeff Willardson*
Ying Wang*

**excused*

Guests: Mara Pierce
Jason Comer
Brian Leahy

Kathleen Thatcher
Jacob Thacker
Brent Finger



The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room with some members attending via Teams.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 16 were accepted as presented.

II. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Item 1		
ARTH 436: Art and Gender	Edited	10/22/2024

- Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Item 1.**

Brian Leahy, Art, noted that these changes just update the course. MSUB is the only campus in the MUS to offer this course, so the title can be changed.

- Motion carried.

It was agreed Item 1 will go to the Senate as a consent item.

Item 2		
ARTH 439: Amer Frst Ntns Art & Vis Cltr	Edited	10/22/2024

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Nicole Bogunovich to **approve Item 2.**

Mara Pierce, Art, stated that “American Indian” is not the term used in the research, but rather “American First Nations.” This course is also offered at UM, and they are on board with the title change.

It was noted that, to most, the term “First Nations” means Canada, not other parts of the world. Further, we just changed the name of the former Native American Studies Minor to American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor. Dr. Pierce noted that most artists in the field use “First Nations.” It was suggested that, like the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor, Dr. Pierce could work with the Native American Achievement Center and the AllNations Club to choose terminology that the University community uses.

It was also noted that the title of this course is very long, and thus it is heavily abbreviated. Will a student be able to decipher what all of the abbreviations mean?

- Motion by Josh Hill, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **table Item 2.**

Group 3		
PSYC 562: Native Am Culture & Psychology	Added	10/22/2024
PSYX 340: Psychological Disorders	Edited	10/22/2024
PSYX 363: Native Am Culture & Psychology	Added	10/22/2024
Psychology Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	10/22/2024
Psychology Bachelor of Science/Master of Science Accelerated Option (3+2)	Edited	10/22/2024
Psychology Master of Science	Edited	10/22/2024
Psychology Minor	Edited	10/22/2024

- Motion by Elaine Westbrook, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **approve Group 3.**

Brent Finger, Chair, Psychology, noted they are creating undergraduate and graduate courses and adding those to the programs. Also, all campuses in the MUS have agreed to change the title of PSYX 340.

It was noted that both the undergrad and graduate courses have the same outcomes. Graduate students have to achieve something more in a course than undergraduate students.

- Motion carried.

It was noted that MSUB needs a guide for language so we don't have different terms (Native American, American Indian, First Nations) across our curriculum.

Group 4		
BIOB 495: Fieldwork	Edited	10/22/2024
ERTH 307: Principles of Geomorphology	Added	10/22/2024
GEO 101: Intro to Physical Geology	Edited	10/22/2024
GEO 211: Earth History & Evolution	Edited	10/22/2024

GEO 212: Earth History & Evolution Lab	Edited	10/22/2024
GEO 309: Sedimentation and Stratigraphy	Edited	10/22/2024
GEO 315: Structural Geology	Edited	10/22/2024
GEO 428: Field Methods	Added	10/22/2024
SCIN 299: Scientific Inquiry	Added	10/22/2024
SCIN 499: Senior Thesis/Capstone	Added	10/22/2024
Broadfield Science Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	10/22/2024

- Motion by Jennifer Scroggins, seconded by Josh Hill to **approve Group 4.**

Jason Comer and Jacob Thacker, Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that several of these course changes add more field work, as well as adding Dr. Thacker's expertise to the GEO courses. The new SCIN courses are to make the inquiry/scientific process more understandable for especially the Broadfield Science majors.

It was noted that the 299 number is usually used for capstone courses. It was agreed and updated during the meeting that the course will be changed to SCIN 289 Scientific Inquiry.

The Broadfield Science major is being updated to set up graduates for a career or for graduate school. There will be much more fieldwork in the program.

It was noted that there is a new course being added to the Broadfield Science major still on the agenda, and the Committee is out of time for today.

- Motion by Josh Hill, seconded by Elaine Westbrook to **table Group 4.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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