

Minutes

University Committee on Courses and Curricula

December 14, 2010

- Present: Angi Bourgeois, Amy Adkerson, Tim Barnett, Russell Carr, Adele Crudden, Yogi Dandass, Grady Dixon, Delores Hudson, Jin Mingzhou, Ben Magbanua, Pat Matthes, Erdogna Memili, Sharon Nobles, Charles Palmer, Tommy Parker, David Peebles, Jon Rezek, Betty Scarborough, Emily Schultz, Jack Smith, Pam Sullivan Kirk Swortzel, John Wyatt
- Excused: John Rigsby, Robert Wolverton, and Elizabeth Haskins
- Unexcused: None
- Proxy: Rebecca Robichaux for Devon Brenner; Wanda Cheek for Sheri Worthy; and Thomas Sellers for Shelby Balius
- Guest: Jerry Gilbert, Provost; and Sadick Artunc and Michael Seymour, Landscape Architecture, and Mark Hersey, History

Bourgeois called the meeting to order at 2:00 on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 in Room 324 of the Union. Swortzel moved, seconded by Palmer, to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Swortzel moved, seconded by Palmer to approve the addition of LA 2652 Landscape Architecture Precedent Studies, and LA 3654 Landscape Architecture Design III, and the modification of LA 2433 Landscape Systems and Plants, LA 2423 History of Landscape Architecture, LA 2323 Presentation Methods and Media, LA 4244 Landscape Architecture Construction III, LA 3555 Landscape Architecture Design I, LA 3544 Architecture Construction I, LA 3655 Landscape Architecture Design II, LA 3644 Landscape Architecture Construction II, LA 4755 Landscape Architecture Design III, LA 2253 Planting Design Fundamentals in LA, LA 4855 Landscape Architecture Capstone, the Bachelor of Science in Landscape Contracting and Management, and the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. Seymour and Artunc answered questions concerning the program's professional accreditation and the program modification. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carr moved, seconded by Palmer to approve the AOCE offering of HI 4193 US Environmental History. Questions were raised about the letter of support which referred to a different course and the lack of information for the target audience. Hersey stated that the History department faculty had approved the proposal and the wrong letter of support had been inadvertently be added to the proposal. The motion passes contingent on receiving a correct letter of support and additional information on the target audience.

Palmer moved, seconded by Swortzel, to approve the addition of ADS 2111 Animal Science Career Planning. A question was raised about the duplication of the course with existing courses in Ag & Life Sciences. Swortzel moved, seconded by Schultz, to table ADS 2111. The motion to table passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Swortzel to approve the addition of HS 4573/6573 Creative Design. Adkerson stated that the course number was not available; however HS 4593/6593 could be used. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Wyatt, to approve the addition of BIO 4113/6113 Evolutional Biology. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Memili, to approve the addition of EN 3523 Shakespeare and Film. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved seconded by Wyatt, to approve the addition of REL 3333 Hindu Mythology, and REL 3483 Judeo-Christian Ethics. Adkerson stated that REL 3333 was not available; however REL 3323 could be used. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Robichaux, to approve the addition of EDE 8713 Educating Young Adolescents, the deletion of RDG 8523 Reading Comprehension Processes and Instruction, and the modification of EDS Secondary Social Studies Education, EDS 4633 Methods of Teaching Social Studies, EDS Teaching of Social Studies, EDS 3653 Secondary Science Education, EDS 4653 Methods of Teaching Sciences, EDS 4653 Methods of Teaching Science, EDS 3673 Second Language Arts Education, EDS 4673 Methods of Teaching Language Arts, EDS 6673 Methods of Teaching Language Arts, EDS 3633 Secondary Math Education, EDS 4633 Methods of Teaching Math, EDS Methods of Teaching Math, and the modification of the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and the Master of Science in Elementary Education. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Palmer moved, seconded by Memili to approve the modification and AOCE offering of CE 4733/6733 Construction Engineering Equipment and Methods. The motion passed unanimously.

Dandass withdrew the proposals to modify CHE 3113 Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics and ME 3513 Thermodynamics I.

Palmer moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the modification of CVM 5864. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the modification of the Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Memili, to approve the AOCE offering of EDX 4113 Prescriptive Methods and Materials for Early Childhood Development. The motion passed unanimously.

Palmer moved, seconded by Dandass, to un-table the AOCE proposal for ID 3673 and HS 3673 Environments for Special Needs. The original motion to approve the proposals passed unanimously.

Wyatt moved, seconded by Schultz to un-table the AOCE proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Questions were raised about the AOCE offering of just the Early Childhood Development concentration or if both concentrations would be offered through AOCE. Robichaux stated that both the Early Childhood Development and Middle School concentrations would be offered through AOCE. It was also noted that the language had changed in the proposal to indicate that a student could complete the degree 100% through AOCE depending on the emphasis area. The motion passed by a vote of 11-1-4.

Provost Gilbert thanked the UCCC members for serving on the committee and reemphasized its importance. He charged the committee to continue to thoroughly review and consider proposals to ensure the integrity of the academic programs at MSU. Gilbert also answered questions about a new policy of “no new courses”. Gilbert stated that with faculty retirements and the budget, it is necessary for departments to be efficient with faculty workload. The intent of “no new courses” is not to limit creativity and course development, but rather to ensure that require courses are being offered for our students. It also gives departments an opportunity to review current degree requirements and propose modifications that would benefit our students. Gilbert stated that a committee had been established to review every aspect of AOCE including fees, delivery, content, and faculty credentials. He also addressed the issue of a non-voting representative member from AOCE. Gilbert stated that there were both advantages and disadvantages of adding an AOCE member to the UCCC. Bourgeois thanked Gilbert for meeting with the committee and his guidance. Lengthy discussion continued on the issue of adding a non-voting representative from AOCE to the committee. Bourgeois reminded the committee that a two-thirds majority vote was needed to change the By-laws. Individual paper ballots were given-out to voting committee members. Bourgeois stated that the motion is to approve the addition of a non-voting representative from the Division of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education. The motion failed on an 8-10 vote.

Palmer moved, seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.