

University Committee on Courses and Curricula
Mississippi State University
October 22, 2021

Members

Present: Brian Baldwin, Randy Campbell, Tom Carskadon, Russell Carr, Brian Davis, LaDonne Delgado, Kathy Dooley, Nathan Drake, Dana Franz, Brad Lang, Cate Mocal-King, Jeremy Montgomery, Rob Moore, Emily Owen, Tommy Parker, Andy Perkins, Matthew Priddy, Wendy Roussin, Emily Shaw, James Sobaskie, Barry Stewart, Jenny Turner, Jeff Winger, Chien Yu

Excused: Kathleen Alley, Chanu Cherukuri, Padmanava Dash, Kennedy Guest, Carlen Henington, Trey Howell, Julie Jessop, Caroline Kobia, George Popescu, Suzanne Powney

Guests: Lynda Moore, Adam Polinko, Tamra Swann, Kenna Vowell, Joseph Witt

Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021 in the Trotter Room of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems in the Research Park. Stewart moved to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2021 UCCC meeting. Dooley seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Perkins announced the proposed by-law revisions listed on the agenda would not be considered because the special quorum needed for the revision of the minutes was not present.

Carr moved to the modification of ART 2413 History and Appreciation of the Artcrafts. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal suggested the syllabus be reformatted but recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Carr moved to approve the addition of ART 4023/6023 Performance Art and Criticism. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed the division between the undergraduate and graduate work was confusing. There needs to be clarification that the graduate work is academically more rigorous than the undergraduate work that is required. The syllabus indicates late papers are not accepted, but University policy provides that late papers would be accepted with an excused absence. Roussin moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concerns being addressed. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Carr moved to approve the modification of EP 4143 Disability and Physical Activity. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed the timing of the first exam may be too late to meet the “major grade assessment before the drop date” requirement. Students with valid excuses under University policy cannot always notify the professor prior to the quiz or exam, so the prior notification requirement should be clarified in the syllabus. Stewart moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concerns being addressed. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Carr moved to approve the addition of CSE 1013 CSE AP Credit with the Online/Distance and Gulf Coast designations included. Priddy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Carr moved to approve the addition of CSE 4263/6263 Web Application Security with the Online/Distance and Gulf Coast designations included. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee

that reviewed the proposal observed in the Courses Offered for College Credit section of the syllabus, it indicates the “final grade given to a student at their college is decided by the professor of record for the course and is independent of the final grade determined by CodePath,” but the syllabus does not outline how the faculty member will determine the final grade. This statement needs clarification. Additional Learning Objectives are needed in the syllabus. R. Moore moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concerns being addressed. Mocal-King seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Carr moved to approve the addition of CSE 4683/6683 Machine Learning and Soft Computing with the Online/Distance and Gulf Coast designation included. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed in the syllabus under Attendance, it indicates that regular attendance is required and will affect your grade, but under the heading for Grading there is no mention of attendance. The learning objectives need clarification. In the syllabus under Missing Exams, it indicates if an excuse is reasonable the professor will replace the exam score with the final exam score of the student. This statement is not in compliance with AOP 12.09 which outlines what constitutes an excused absence and when comparable evaluations opportunities are required. Under distance education question three on the proposal, it indicates that the “quizzes and exams will be given online, and so the nature of the questions may be more argumenta and computational for the online students.” UCCC members questioned if this policy would treat the Campus 1 and Campus 5 equitable. Mocal-King moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concerns being addressed. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Carr moved to approve the modification of the BS in Cybersecurity. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Baldwin moved to approve the modification and addition of distance education to ECE 4512 EE Design I. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal questioned if the entrepreneurship lectures are semester specific and how attendance will be verified for Campus 5 students. Mocal-King moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concerns being addressed. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Baldwin moved to approve the addition of distance education to ECE 4522 EE Design II. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed that more information is needed in the syllabus about how the lab component will be conducted for the Campus 5 students. Mocal-King moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concern being addressed. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Baldwin moved to approve the addition and inclusion of distance education for GE 8311 MIL ENG Disaster Relief. Priddy seconded the motion. Tamra Swann appeared in support of the proposal. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed five additional contact hours are needed for the one credit hour lecture class. Stewart moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concerns being addressed. Mocal-King seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Baldwin moved to approve the addition and inclusion of distance education for GE 8321 MIL ENG Bridge Assessment for Military Operations and GE 8331 MIL MENG Intermodal Transportation Systems. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Baldwin moved the addition and inclusion of distance education for FO 8533 Forest Stand Dynamics. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Baldwin moved to approve the modification of the BS in Computer Science. Priddy seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the addition of CVM 4991/6991 Preparations for Study Abroad in Uganda. Yu seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed an attendance policy, contact hours, and a course outline need to be added to the syllabus. While the graduate students have a different grading scale, no additional work for the graduate students is required. More information about the assignments needs to be included in the syllabus. The letter of support should be signed by the members of the curriculum committee. Mocal-King moved to table the proposal. Carr seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the BA in Philosophy/Religion. Yu seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the undergraduate minor in Business Analytics. Yu seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal were concerned that the proposed credit ranges would be difficult for students to understand and for CAPP to implement. UCCC members suggested using the lower range of the credit hours for the first two cells in the curriculum outline. Then create a third cell that indicates the three remaining credit hours may be chosen from the courses in the above lists. Mocal-King moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concern being addressed. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the graduate minor in Business Analytics. Yu seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal observed there needs to be clarification in the catalogue description if the minor is only available to Master students. If the minor is also available to PhD student, credit hours need to be added to the total hours required. Carr moved to pass the proposal contingent upon the above concern being addressed. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the BBA. Yu seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the BACC. Yu seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the proposal recommended approval. The subcommittee noted that the credit hours for the International Elective need to be added back into the right side of the curriculum table. The motion was approved.

Carr moved to adjourn. Priddy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.