



**Mississippi State University  
University Committee on Courses and Curricula (UCCC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2024**

**Present:**

Randy Campbell, Tom Carskadon, Padmanava Dash, Jagman Dhillon, Donna Gordon, Arianne Hainsey, Carlen Hennington, Brad Lang, Andy Perkins, George Popescu, Matthew Priddy, Aswathy Rai, Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, Wendy Roussin, Zac Sibbitt, Lesley Strawderman, Brannan Tisdale, Luke Tucker, Kenna Vowell, Kiley Forsythe, Dana Franz, Kate Gregory, Kris King, Lynda Moore, Emily Owen, Tommy Parker, Amber Robinson, Emily Shaw, Betsey Smith, Jenny Turner

**Excused:**

Kathleen Alley, Russell Carr, Brian Davis, Attila Karsi, Rob Moore, Brittany Moore-Henderson, Suzanne Powney, Lindon Ratliff, Barry Stewart, Wil Whittington, Nathan Drake,

**Guests:** Peter Ryan, Mimmo Parisi, and Jonathan Barlow

**Meeting Location:** Trotter Seminar Room at the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems

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Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm on January 26, 2024.

Jenny Turner was thanked for her 11 years of service to UCCC. She was presented with a gift and flowers from the UCCC members. Peter Ryan also shared some nice words about Jenny Turner's time on UCCC.

Roussin moved to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2023 UCCC meeting. Henington seconded the motion. The motion was approved. No opposed.

There was one nomination (Matthew Priddy) for Vice Chair of UCCC for the 2024-2025 school year. Chair Andy Perkins called for a voice vote for Matthew Priddy. It passed.

There was one nomination (Andy Perkins) for Chair of UCCC for the 2024-2025 school year. There was a call for a voice vote for Andy Perkins. It passed.

Dana Franz discussed some recent feedback she received from Deans/Administrators that UCCC should be cognizant of the fact that some courses or programs could be duplicative and UCCC should be screening for that. Specifically, a couple of recent proposals that were passed are creating problems for current courses or proposals. Discussion among UCCC members focused on the difficulty of having knowledge about ALL courses and programs that could be duplicative of those proposed. One solution that was discussed was requesting letters of support from colleges if we

think a course/program could be duplicative and it presents a conflict. Additionally, Peter Ryan made us aware that the Deans have an opportunity to review the meeting agenda before the UCCC meeting and newly approved programs have a 10-day waiting period that was specifically created for Deans to voice concerns about new programs.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of DSCI 8133 and DSCI 8143. Henington seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of DSCI 6113, DSCI 6122, DSCI 6133, DSCI 6204, DSCI 6214, DSCI 6301, and DSCI 8224. Henington seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: prerequisites need modification in the catalog descriptions of the course proposals; detail method of delivery for online lectures; lecture/lab course needs hour corrections to comply with MSU policy. Roussin moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of DSCI 8413. Henington seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: practicum in the course name, but the course is really a capstone course; more information about what kind of practical problem solving the students will do during the course. Memo Parisi and Jonathan Barlow were brought in as guests to answer questions related to the course. Lang moved to pass the course proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of the MADS degree program, Applied Data Science. Henington seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: the DSCI courses are not currently approved. Roussin moved to pass the program proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Lang moved to approve the addition of AN 3353, AN 4383/6383, and CO 8733. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. General discussion included that the Math Department supports other programs teaching quantitative methods courses because of their discipline-specific nature. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Lang moved to approve the addition of AN 2233, AN 3573, AN 4153, AN 4553, AN 4563, BIO 2013, and EN 4373. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: AN courses mention a makeup exam day, but such a thing does not exist at MSU; a couple of the AN courses require checking of math for grading purposes; BIO course needs to follow AOP 12.09 for makeup work; EN catalog descriptions need to match between syllabus and Banner. Roussin moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Strawderman seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.



Lang moved to approve the addition of FL 8681. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the addition of the MAT-ELAR degree program, Elementary Level Alternative Route. Lang seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: this program may need to be called MAT ELED, so it will not be confused with other MAT degrees. Henington moved to pass the program proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Strawderman moved to approve the modification of GG 4153/6153 and the addition of GG 4883/6883. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: modifying the learning outcomes (understanding is not measurable); additional details needed regarding campus 1 student engagement; the assignments in a syllabus are not subject to change, only the course calendar. Priddy moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Strawderman moved to approve the addition of GR 3503, HSPY 8123, HSPY 8133, and HSPY 8143 as well as the modification of PE 8163, PE 8203, and PE 8223. Rai seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended their approval. The motion was approved.

Strawderman moved to approve the modification of MEC 2233. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: this is the same course as AN 2233, therefore the make-up exam day does not exist; cross-listed with REL 2233, but the modification for REL 2233 has not been submitted; syllabus in CIM needs updating. Priddy moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Strawderman moved to approve the addition of HSPY 8690. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: clarifying what happens when a student repeats the course; UCCC members suggested the catalog description should begin with: "Variable credit supervised field experience/three hours lecture". Priddy moved to pass the course proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robichaux-Davis seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Strawderman moved to approve the modification of the BS degree program, Educational Psychology. Rai seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposal recommended its approval. The motion was approved.

Strawderman moved to approve the modification of the Psy.D degree program, Combined Health Service Psychology. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: one of the proposed courses (HSPY 9703) has been saved in CIM but not submitted to UCCC for review/approval. Robichaux-Davis moved to table the program proposal based upon the stated concerns. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved.



Priddy moved to approve the addition of SS 4913/6913, SS 4923/6923, SS 4933/6933, and SS 4943/6943. Lang seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: attendance needs to be in compliance with AOP 12.09; required office hours; clarification about required textbooks; SS 4913 needs consistency regarding whether it is a lecture/lab or lecture. Roussin moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robichaux-Davis seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Roussin moved to approve the modification of ME 8213. Lang seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: contact hours needed, not number of lectures; AOP 12.09 should be followed for attendance; clarification regarding interacting with campus 5 students; syllabus needs updating in CIM. Tucker moved to pass the course proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robichaux-Davis seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the addition of PCS 6313, PCS 6323, PCS 6333, and PCS 6343. Lang seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: the need for support letters from the College of Business and Education regarding the possible duplication of effort if these courses were to be created; the lack of specificity provided regarding who would teach these courses; required office hours in syllabus. Roussin moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Rai seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the addition of the graduate certificate, Extreme Leadership Certificate. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: unclear plans for the certificate; UCCC requested Dr. Susan Seal and Dr. Peter Ryan answer questions about the graduate certificate for further review by the committee. Lang moved to table the program proposal based upon the stated concerns. Roussin seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the MAT-X degree program, Special Education. Lang seconded the motion. Some of the concerns discussed included: program may need to be called MAT EXED so it will not be confused with the other MAT degrees; the cover sheet indicates EDX 8014 and EDX 8168 will be added to the program, but these courses do not exist. Robichaux-Davis moved to pass the program proposal contingent based upon the stated concerns. Henington seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Roussin moved to adjourn. Henington seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.