Mississippi State University

University Committee on Courses and Curricula

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2026

Present: Amy Adkerson, Tracey Baham, Andrew Berry, Sawyer Bowering, Mike Breazeale, Randy Campbell, Tracy Craven (proxy via JoLee Clark), Nathan Drake, Donna Gordon, Kate Gregory, Alexis Gregory (voted proxy via Ashley Studdard Hughes), Evan Kaplan, Kris King, Brad Lang, JuYoung Lee, Tawny McCleon, Danielle Molina, Rob Moore, Emily Owen, Tommy Parker, Andy Perkins, Krishna Poudel, Matthew Priddy, Aswathy Rai (voted proxy via Krish Krishnan), Neeraj Rai, Amber Robinson, Wendy Roussin (voted proxy via Cheryl Chambers), Abigail Spreen, Barry Stewart, Jacob Tschume, Kenna Vowell (voted proxy via Danielle Molina), Jim Watkins

Excused: Marty Bray, Brittany Moore-Henderson

Absent: Atilla Karsi, Alyssa Miller, Narcisa Pricope, Kimberly Woodruff

Guests: Megan Artz, Career Center; Chrysta Beck, Poultry Science; Angi Bourgeois, Provost's Office; Machaunda Bush, Aerospace Engineering; Lesley Clack, School of Health Professions; Santiago Cornejo, Animal & Dairy Science; Morgan Flow, History; Sean Fox, Agricultural Economics; Jesse Goliath, AMEC; Richard Harkess, Plant & Soil Sciences; Afshin Hatami, BCS; Richard Human, Music; Meg Marquardt, English; Olufunke Ogundimu, English; Katie Oswalt, CCL; Peter Rayn, Provost's Office; Beca Spencer, ABA; Paul Tseng, Plant & Soil Sciences

Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:03.

Dr. Ryan spoke to the committee to express his thanks for their work. He acknowledged the difficulty and workload committee members face and expressed his continued support for the UCCC at the administrative level. He also thanked Drs. Perkins and Priddy for their service as Chair and Vice-Chair and the amount of work they have put into the UCCC, especially through major transitions. He wished both well as they roll out of their current positions, and congratulated Dr. Perkins on his appointment as the Department Head of Computer Science and Engineering.

Perkins led the discussion of bylaws. After the committee voted in January to conduct a reapportionment, there were several elements of the bylaws deemed to need further potential revision, and proposed changes were sent out to the committee to review two weeks prior to the meeting. The proposed changes included: Revising and raising the apportionment limits, as the current limits only account for up to 200+ full time equivalent (FTE) faculty per college, while some colleges are now over 300 faculty. Removing language referencing the Division of Arts & Sciences for Meridian representation, as the division has been dissolved. Updating the rules on reapportionment to state that they will take place next in 2028 and then every two years after, as reapportionment has not happened on the currently prescribed schedule, as the committee discussed in January.

There was discussion of what the size of the UCCC would be like with the proposed apportionment limits. Perkins presented the reapportionment report to show that several new seats would be created with the proposed bylaws. Perkins noted that having additional representation from colleges would potentially help with attendance, as well as lightening the review workload for members. Questions were posed as to why the apportionment covered 50-100 faculty, but only in increments of 100 after that, as well as if it would be a good idea to have a minimum of two representatives per college. Perkins noted the current and revised limits were to allow sufficient representation for small colleges, while keeping the committee at a manageable size. Bourgeois also noted from experience with Graduate Council that many of the new colleges and professional schools do not currently have the manpower to field two representatives.

There was also discussion of what qualified as FTE faculty. Baham pointed out there are multiple ways to assign faculty to a college and noted that many faculty have dual appointments. Tenure home for faculty was mentioned but it was pointed out that there are many faculty who are not tenure track and cannot be assigned this way. Lang moved to revise the proposed bylaws to state the representation shall be determined by “Full-time faculty by college or school of primary appointment” as well as replacing “FTE” with “faculty” in the apportionment table. Rai seconded the motion. The motion to revise the proposed bylaws was approved.

Rai moved to adopt the revised bylaws as presented. Priddy seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the proposed bylaws as presented was approved.

Perkins led the discussion of reapportionment, and presented the reapportionment report for consideration, noting the just adopted bylaws and that presented numbers should reflect primary appointments. Under the reapportionment presented in conjunction with the just adopted bylaws, the College of Architecture, Art, & Design, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the College of Forest Resources will all gain an additional seat, and the College of Business will lose a seat. Additionally, based on previous revisions to the bylaws, the College of Integrative Studies, the School of Health Professions, the School of Nursing, and the Honors College will all have representation.

There was a brief discussion over the loss of a seat for the College of Business. Perkins noted that this may be due to the loss of Meridian faculty who are now part of Health Professions. Campbell noted the possibility that a seat was at one point apportioned to the School of Accountancy. While this is no longer allowed under the bylaws, it is possible an accountancy seat was rolled into College of Business’s representation at one point.

Tschume noted minor differences between the counts presented, and the counts used by Faculty Senate, and that Faculty Senate will be conducting their own reapportionment in the coming academic year. It was recommended that UCCC potentially use those findings when reapportionment next takes place in 2028 per the revised bylaws.

Priddy moved to adopt the reapportionment as presented, and to notify the appropriate parties to conduct elections for the created seats. Lang seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the reapportionment was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the additions of CP 2111, CP 2121, CP 2131, and CP 2141. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There is insufficient information about grading and how students will be evaluated, and there was some confusion as to the intent of these courses, as the

CIM proposal states that these are intended as for-credit options to replace the current zero-credit options. However, the current co-op courses are 3 credits. Megan Artz, Assistant Director of the Co-op and Internship program with the Career Center appeared in support of the proposals. She confirmed that current courses are for credit, but noted that this credit is not usable in fulfilling a student's degree requirements. The Career Center's hope is to work with departments to have the new option counted as part of degree programs, either as an allowable elective or as a required course. Artz acknowledged that this will incur tuition beyond the standard co-op fee. When asked if there was a plan for the existing co-op courses, Artz stated that for the time being the intent is to leave them as they are, but in future to potentially move to Modern Campus to offer true zero credit co-ops as an option for students who cannot receive degree credit. It was noted that AOP 12.23 states that "Cooperative Education courses (prefix CP) cannot be used to satisfy University-wide degree requirements." In light of this, along with several syllabus edits that will be communicated to the proposer, Lang moved to table the proposals as they cannot be used in their intended manner. Robinson seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the additions of ADS 4643/6643 and PO 4643/6643. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Additional information for distance students is needed in the syllabus, along with a few other minor edits that will be communicated to the proposers. Robinson moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the additions of ADS 4771/6771 and ADS 4773/6773. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Attendance policy needs to be revised to be in compliance with AOP 12.09, along with a few other minor edits that will be communicated to the proposers. Robinson moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of BCH 4543/6543 and the modification of BCH 4713/6713. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There are some issues that need to be resolved for distance students, along with a few other minor edits that will be communicated to the proposers. Robinson moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the modifications of PSS 3423 and PSS 3433. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: These are internship courses, but the presentation of contact hours seems to match that of a lecture course and should be revised for clarity. Robinson moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of PSS 4833/6833 and the modification of PSS 8634. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There are some clarifications needed for the contact hours, along with a few other minor edits that will be communicated to the proposer. Robinson moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the modification of the BS in Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics. Priddy seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: The proposer will be asked to confer with the Registrar's office to correct ranges in the credit structure to adhere with catalog standards.

Robinson moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Molina moved to approve the additions of BCS 2333, EN 2483, EN 2773, and EN 4153/6153, and the modifications of BCS 3903 and EN 4143/6143. McCleon seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Molina moved to approve the additions of BIO 2302, GS 4913/6913, PHI 2223, and PS 2103. McCleon seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Molina moved to approve the modification of HI 8803. McCleon seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: More information is needed for distance students. Priddy moved to pass the course proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Molina moved to approve the modification of HI 4793/6793. McCleon seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There is not a letter of support from African American Studies, where this course is cross listed. Priddy moved to table the course proposal based upon the stated concerns. Robinson seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Lang moved to approve the modifications of ABA 4603 and ABA 4663. Lee seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Lang moved to approve the modifications of CCL 8363 and COE 4303/6303. Lee seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: CCL 8363 is described as a new course, but the course code is currently active, and the concern was raised that this will potentially alter historic data. COE 4303 is to be deleted but this must be in process before COE 6303 can be approved due to split level matching. Robinson moved to table the proposals based upon the stated concerns. Priddy seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Lang moved to approve the additions of the BAS in Criminal Justice, the BS in Human Forensic Science, and the Minor in Human Forensic Science, and the modification of the PhD in Community College Leadership. Lee seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Robinson moved to approve the modifications of BIS 4533/6533 and REF 4253. Poudel seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Robinson moved to approve the modifications of the BACC in Accountancy and the Minor in Business Analytics. Poudel seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Both programs have some course proposals awaiting final approval. Campbell moved to pass the program proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Stewart seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the additions of MU 1102, MU 2102, MU 2201, MU 2453, MU 2463, MU 3212, MU 3303, MU 3353, MU 3443, MU 3613, MU 3623, MU 4201, MU 4343, MU 4463, MU 4532, and MU 4902, and the modifications of MU 3201, MU 3433, MU 3553, MU 3563, and MU 4523. Rai seconded the motion. The subcommittees that reviewed the program proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the addition of MU 2212 and the modification of MU 3343. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: MU 2212 has insufficient contact hours listed, and MU 3343 is listed as 2 hours lecture and 5 hours laboratory. Lang moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Stewart seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the modification of the Minor in Audio Production. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There are several course proposals awaiting final approval. Stewart moved to pass the program proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robinson seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Priddy moved to approve the addition of the BS in Music. Rai seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There is no IHL Appendix 8 attached to the proposal and there are several courses awaiting final approval. Lang moved to table the program proposal based upon the stated concerns. Robinson seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Moore moved to approve the additions of HCA 2203, HCA 3703, HCA 3713, HCA 3723, HCA 3733, HCA 3743, HCA 4313, HCA 4713, HCA 4723, HCA 8111, HCA 8113, HCA 8121, HCA 8123, HCA 8211, HCA 8213, HCA 8221, HCA 8223, HCA 8311, HCA 8313, HCA 8321, HCA 8323, HCA 8411, HCA 8413, HCA 8421, HCA 8423, HCA 8511, HCA 8513, HCA 8521, and HCA 8523. Gordon seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: The attached letters of support are only for the associated programs and do not reference the course codes being proposed. Many of these courses list campus 2 but do not have any information for face-to-face delivery. Dr. Lesley Clack, Dean of the School of Health Professions, appeared in support of the proposals. She noted that the intention is to initially offer these courses only online, but that they would like to retain the possibility of offering them face-to-face in the future. She also noted that School of Health Professions is in the process of hiring additional faculty to support the new courses and associated programs. There are additional syllabi edits that will be communicated to the proposers. Priddy moved to table the course proposals based upon the stated concerns. Campbell seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Moore moved to approve the addition of the Minor in Healthcare Administration. Gordon seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Moore moved to approve the additions of the BAS in Health Informatics and the BS in Health Informatics. Gordon seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: The BAS in Health Informatics needs a letter of support from CPCS, and the BS in Health Informatics needs a letter of support from the Department of English, both for courses included in the programs of study. Additionally, it is recommended that the proposer confer with the Registrar's office to correct minor formatting issues to adhere with catalog standards, and courses are awaiting final approval. Priddy moved to table the program proposals based upon the stated concerns. Lang seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Gordon moved to approve the additions of the MHA in Health Administration, the Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics, the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership, and the Graduate Certificate in

Healthcare Quality. Hughes seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: It is recommended that the proposer confer with the Registrar's office to correct minor formatting issues to adhere with catalog standards, and courses are awaiting final approval. Priddy moved to pass the program proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Robinson seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Stewart moved to approve additions of ASE 4712 and ASE 4722. Watkins seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: The letters of support are from when these courses were previously submitted and need to have updated dates. More information on assignments and how students will be evaluated would be helpful. Priddy moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Stewart moved to approve the addition of FO 8553. Watkins seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There are several issues of distance equity and the hybrid structure that will be communicated to the proposer. Priddy moved to pass the course proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Stewart moved to approve the modification of the MS in Nursing. Watkins seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There is discrepancy in the curriculum outline as to the number of credits required for NSG 6000 and NSG 6100. Priddy moved to pass the program proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded the motion. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Stewart moved to approve the modification of the BS in Data Science. Watkins seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Priddy moved to adjourn. Lang seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56.