Undergraduate Curriculum Council (UCC)
October 28, 2021 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. via Zoom
AGENDA -- REVISED

A. PRELIMINARIES
   Attendance – Pre-notified Absences: Wesley Usyak
   Guests: none

1. Announcements:


3. Report from the Executive Committee:

4. Information from Academic Affairs:

5. Current Subcommittee Activities:
   a. General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) update
      1) Council accepted GERC’s via email vote last Thursday, October 21, 2021
         August 31, 2021, September 14, 2021, September 28, 2021 and October 12, 2021
      b. BAS Committee update
         Committee sent its revised Bylaws to UCC for consideration; see New Business below.

6. Information from the Chair

7. Information from the Faculty Senate and other Councils:
   a. Academic Standards Council –
      1) use of professional credits in an undergraduate degree:
         Affects UCC 2022-23 Proposal-020 COH Create BSHS Pharmacotherapy Concentration – see Chris Hunt’s notes in Part D

8. Other related information or questions:

B. INFORMATION ITEMS – none this week

C. CONSENT CALENDAR – none this week

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Proposal #48 from Computer Science to update BS 4465 course title, description and repeatability, and to add CS 4461 to B.S. degree requirements.

2. Proposal #47 from Global Studies and Languages to update GLBL course semester offerings, update course description for GLBL 3400, and create new course GLBL 4490.

3. Proposal #55 from Global Studies and Languages to add GLBL 2202, GLBL 3380, and GLBL 4420 as electives for the BA in Spanish for Health Professions.
Interrelated group:
4. Proposal #36 from Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology to create several new SOC and SOWK courses, new SOWK 1101 as a new Objective 6 Gen Ed course, delete SOC 3335, 3366, 4402, 4413 and SOWK 2271, and add several electives to the curriculum for BA in Sociology with Criminology Concentration. Changes affect Proposal #38. GERC approved SOWK 1101 as an Objective 6 Gen Ed course. Changes affect Graduate catalog.


6. Proposal #59 from Geosciences to update GEOL course credits and prerequisites, create new course GEOL 3392 to replace GEOL 2292 being deleted. Contingent upon approval of Proposal #36

Interrelated group:
7. Proposal #25 from Political Science to renumber courses and change levels: POLS 2202 to POLS 1102 (Objective 7 Gen Ed course), POLS 3313 to POLS 2213, POLS 3331 to 2231, and create new POLS 3319. GERC had no concerns about the Objective 7 Gen Ed course renumber to POLS 1102; the change will be reflected on Proposal #70. Changes affect Secondary Ed Proposal #29 and PHIL Proposal #60

8. Proposal #29 from Secondary Education to update POLS course numbers in the American Government and Political Science Endorsements to match changes in POLS Proposal #25. Contingent upon approval of Proposal #25

9. Proposal #60 from Philosophy to create new PHIL 2235 to replace PHIL 3335 being deleted, to match changes in cross-listed courses in POLS Proposal #25. Contingent upon approval of Proposal #25

Complicated self-contained proposal:
10. Proposal #58 from Communication, Media, and Persuasion to create a new Minor in Social Media, merge the BA Communication – Visual Media Emphasis: Photo Media Track and Video Track into a single Photo-Video Track; create a new BA Communication – Social Media & Digital Communications Emphasis, update courses and curricula, create new course CMP 4459, and delete CMP 3332, 3333, 3375, and 4457. Requires a Letter of Notification to OSBE.

E. “PARKING LOT” – proposals and other items awaiting resolution – none this week

F. NEW BUSINESS:

State Proposals for Endorsement: None this week

Curriculum, Course, and Program Change Proposals:

1. Proposal #24 from Economics to remove ECON 4474 from requirements for the BBA in Economics.

Interrelated group:
2. Proposal #34 from Electrical & Computer Engineering to change EE prefix to ECE by creating new ECE courses and deleting all EE courses from the catalog, in accordance with the already approved departmental name change. Changes affect Graduate Catalog and NE Proposal #22.
3. **Proposal #22** from Nuclear Engineering to substitute ECE 2205 for EE 2240 and NE 4478 for EE 4416 in the BS Nuclear Engineering curriculum, since both EE courses are being deleted from the catalog. **Contingent upon approval of ECE Proposal #34.**

Interrelated group:

4. **Proposal #52** from Homeland Security & Emergency Management to update curriculum and courses HSEM 3360, HSEM 4410 and HSEM 4425, and to delete all remaining EMGT courses from the catalog. **Changes affect Proposal #46. Changes may affect Graduate catalog?**

5. **Proposal #46** from Emergency Medical Services to update the curriculum for the BS Health Science: Emergency Medical Services concentration and its various tracks. Also change the number credits for EMS 4409. **Changes affect Proposal #52.**

Accelerated or Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s proposals – need Grad Council’s approval, too:

6. **Proposal #51** from English to create a **combined/accelerated BA/MA 4+1 program in English** allowing undergraduate students to take **12 credits** of 55xx courses in their fourth year that will count toward their Master’s degree, and enable them to complete both degrees in five years instead of six. Also creates new ENGL 4411 and new ENGL 2215 Objective 9 (or 4?) Gen Ed course. **Requires GERC’s approval of ENGL 2215 as new Gen Ed course. Contingent upon Graduate Council’s approval of the combined BA/MA program.**

7. **Proposal #57** to create an **accelerated BS/MS 4+1 program in Civil Engineering** allowing undergraduate students to take **9 credits** of 55xx courses in their fourth year that will count toward their Master’s degree, and enable them to complete both degrees in five years instead of six. **Contingent upon Graduate Council’s approval of the accelerated BS/MS program.**

Other Business:

1. Proposed revised **BAS Committee Bylaws** – subcommittee of UCC

G. **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

1. **Interdisciplinary programs:** How to deal with faculty oversight of curriculum

2. **Reference:** [Accelerated Programs Policy Proposal-11-18-20-rev](#)

3. **Course and Program Duplication -- placeholder; deferred until Fall 2021?**
   Create a working group to develop written guidance on what constitutes duplication of courses and programs. Include Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate in the discussion. Consider ways of alleviating competition and encourage collaboration among programs. Student headcount in majors and programs is an important metric in measuring program health, but what should happen when a program uses many courses from another department in their programs?

4. **UCC’s Role in Program Prioritization -- placeholder; awaiting Faculty Senate’s direction**
   UCC has purview over courses and curriculum

5. **Impact Response Timeline**
   Clarify how long POs should hold proposals awaiting impact responses before submitting to UCC

6. **Ramifications of Student Learning Outcomes**
Do faculty want to be involved in monitoring and overseeing assessment? If so, what mechanism or entity should be implemented to manage this task? Does UCC want to take on the responsibility as part of their purview, or create a new subcommittee similar to GERC, or some other option?

7. **Collaboration between UCC and Graduate School** - Continue discussions with Graduate School on closer collaboration on proposals that affect both catalogs.

8. **Potential Revisions to UCC’s Bylaws**

9. **Catalog Format Review Subcommittee – placeholder; deferred indefinitely until new Associate Registrar is hired**

   Undergraduate Catalog Update Process and Timeline

   Create a subcommittee to review the catalog format and usage with an eye to suggesting potential changes. Subcommittee should include reps from UCC, Grad Council, Registrar’s Office, Academic Affairs, and Marketing.

H. **ADJOURNMENT:**