

**MINUTES OF
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA**

October 11, 2017

Present: K. Basom, R. Christ, C. Christopher, M. Fienup, A. Gabriele, K. Martin, J. Morgan, J. Morrow, C. Nedrow, P. Pease, M. Perry, G. Pohl, G. Rhineberger-Dunn, S. Riehl, J. Smothers, D. Wallace

Absent: D. Heistad, V. Robinson

Guests: G. Bruess, C. Curran, C. Juby, L. Terlip

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pease at 3:00 p.m. in LIB 378.

I. Welcome and Introductions

UCC Chair Pease welcomed all present. Introductions followed.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair asked members to review UCC Minutes dated October 4, 2017.

Pohl moved, Fienup seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was voted on; motion carried and the edited October 4, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Review of the Previously Tabled Curriculum Proposals

A. SOCWORK-BA *Social Work Major* (edited program)

Rhineberger-Dunn moved, Basom seconded to approve the previously tabled SOCWORK-BA *Social Work Major*. Chair Pease called for discussion.

Juby noted that the prerequisites for required courses within the major are now listed as required within the program and they changed their electives from “select at least three” to “select at least two.”

Riehl questioned why MATH 1100, specifically, is listed as a requirement for SW 3185. Wallace noted that all of courses that satisfy the LAC category could be listed because SW 3185 lists “MATH 1100 or equivalent” as a prerequisite. The department confirmed that they do accept any of the courses that satisfy that LAC Category.

Additionally, Fienup noted that the prerequisite for SW 4164 is “BIOL 1014 or any biology course,” so he noted that this requirement within the program should be listed as BIOL 1014 or “any biology course.” Morgan questioned whether “any biology course” really satisfies this requirement, no matter what course it is. Juby noted that, currently, any biology course satisfies this requirement, but they are looking to specify specific courses in the future.

Fienup questioned why SOC 2020 or SW 2080 was listed as a requirement within the program when SOC 2020 is a prerequisite for a course within the major. Pease questioned if the department would be okay with removing SW 2080 for the catalog during this cycle. Juby noted that the department would be fine with removing that requirement for this upcoming catalog, but they will adjust that requirement in the future.

Chair Pease called for a vote on the motion to approve the SOCWORK-BA *Social Work Major*. Motion carried and the SOCWORK-BA *Social Work Major* was approved unanimously.

B. COMM-BA *Communication Major (Liberal Arts)* (edited program)

Pohl moved, Riehl seconded to approve the previously tabled COMM-BA *Communication Major (Liberal Arts)*. Chair Pease called for discussion.

Terlip noted that this program has been updated to include asterisks on the courses that require Liberal Arts Core 1A and 1B and the electives were made more explicit. She noted that these courses are also listed in the Enrollment Management policy in the catalog.

Fienup questioned why the prerequisite courses are not listed within the program. Additionally, he noted that COMM 1000 is listed within the major, but that also satisfies the LAC Category 1A, so he does not understand why COMM 1000 is included within the major, but the other courses are not. Pease questioned whether there was a chance that a student could take Cornerstone UNIV 1000 and UNIV 1010 that students would additionally take COMM 1000 even though they would waive it as a prerequisite for this course.

Morgan noted that other Communication majors do not list COMM 1000 as a required course within the major.

Basom questioned whether we are not being explicit enough in comparison to how we have treated other majors in the past during this curriculum cycle. Morgan noted that he feels this is different because they are requiring the Liberal Arts Core Categories 1A and 1B in advance of being admitted into the program. Pease noted that his main concern is that students could satisfy the LAC Categories 1A and 1B and still take COMM 1000 because it is listed as a required course within the program.

The committee decided to remove COMM 1000 from the required courses within the major and make sure that this course as well as the other options to satisfy LAC Categories 1A and 1B are within the footnotes and asterisked for those courses that require it.

Chair Pease called for a vote on the motion to approve the COMM-BA *Communication Major (Liberal Arts)*. Motion carried and the COMM-BA *Communication Major (Liberal Arts)* was approved unanimously.

IV. Other Items

A brief discussion took place regarding the next meeting's agenda and possible revisions to the curriculum handbook. The committee will review the handbook in detail prior to the next meeting and bring forward suggested changes and enhancements.

Chair Pease stated the next meeting would be **3:00 p.m. October 25** in the **Presidential Room, Maucker Union** at which time we will review the Curriculum Handbook.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Guests