University Curriculum Committee  
Minutes  
May 8, 2015

Members Present: Brighouse, Brown, Fadl, Green, Howard, Ingham, Smith, Taylor, Weimer, Murphy (arrived at 10:30)

Members Absent: Wilkerson

The meeting began at: 9:30 am

Summary of actions:

• Proposals 1-24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35 were approved
• Proposals 30, 33, 38, 39 were conditionally approved
• Proposals 25, 27, 36, 37 were deferred

I. Consent item – Minutes of the April 24, 2015 meeting  
Motion by Ingham to approve, unanimously approved.

II. Vice chair election  
Weimer nominated Leslie Smith for the position of vice chair for the 2015-2016 year and she was unanimously approved by the committee.

III. Course proposal review  
A. Consent Agenda  
Weimer moved; Brown seconded. All course changes on the consent agenda were approved unanimously.

Course Change Proposals

Arts & Humanities
1. English 181 First-Year Honors Seminar  
Type: Change repeatability, prerequisite

2. English 182 Introduction to Literature for Honors  
Type: Change repeatability, prerequisite

3. Theatre and Drama 362 Drama in Education  
Type: Change crosslist
**Biological Sciences**
4. Family Medicine 701 Perspectives in Multidisciplinary Clinical & Translational Research
Type: Change credits

5. Pharmaceutical Sciences 625 Toxicology I
Type: Change graduate attribute

6. Pharmaceutical Sciences 626 Toxicology II
Type: Change graduate attribute

7. Psychology 454 Behavioral Neuroscience
Type: Change description, prerequisite

**Physical Sciences**
8. Medical Physics 567 The Physics of Diagnostic Radiology
Type: Change credits

**Social Studies**
9. Interdis Courses (Sohe) 130 Community Newswriting
Type: Change subject, description, prerequisite

10. Interdis Courses (Sohe) 335 Communicating with Key Audiences
Type: Change subject, description, prerequisite

11. Interdis Courses (Sohe) 601 Internship
Type: Change subject, prerequisite

12. Interdis Courses (Sohe) 819 Proseminar: Issues and Problems in Community Education
Type: Change subject, description, prerequisite

13. Psychology 489 Honors Animal Behavior
Type: Change number

14. Psychology 589 Honors Seminar in Abnormal Psychology
Type: Change number

**Discontinuation**
15. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 353 Theory and Practice of Field Archaeology in the Middle East
Type: Discontinuation

16. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 611 Comparative Grammar of Semitic Languages
Type: Discontinuation

17. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 642 The Book of Ezekiel
Type: Discontinuation

18. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 952 Seminar-Biblical Studies
Type: Discontinuation
19. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 953 Seminar in Pentateuchal Criticism
   Type: Discontinuation

20. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 957 Linguistic Approaches to Biblical Hebrew
    Type: Discontinuation

21. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 958 Biblical Poetry
    Type: Discontinuation

22. Hebrew (Hebrew And Semitic St) 959 Biblical Narrative
    Type: Discontinuation

23. Psychology 487 Honors Seminar in Psychology of Motivation
    Type: Discontinuation

24. Psychology 587 Honors Course-Psychology of Personality
    Type: Discontinuation

B. Review Agenda

Motion by Brown, second by Weimer to approve all course proposals. Votes are recorded following each agenda item.

Deferred from previous meeting
25. Computer Science 838 Topics in Computing
    Type: Change credits
    Reviewer: Physical Sciences
    Action: Deferred – The committee determined that it would be appropriate to approve this course for up to 3 credits provided that the proposer submits a sample syllabus for a 3 credit, 800 level course.

    Type: New Course
    Reviewer: Wilkerson
    Action: Unanimously Approved

27. Engr Professional Development 730 Sustainable Facilities
    Type: New Course
    Reviewer: Brown
    Action: Deferred - The committee requests that the proposer provide more integration on the syllabus with the topics, course readings and assignments. It is recommended that a week by week calendar be provided showing the topics, the readings, and description of the assignments and projects that are associated with each topic. Recognizing that this is an online course, the committee is interested in gaining a better understanding of what the students will be doing each week and how the students and instructor will interact.

New Proposals
28. Art History 764 Dimensions of Material Culture
    Type: New Course
    Reviewer: Taylor
    Action: Unanimously Approved
29. Biology 522  Evolution Undergraduate Seminar Series
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Ingham
Action: Unanimously Approved

30. Biomedical Engineering 650  Biological Optical Microscopy
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Fadl
Action: Conditionally Approved - The proposer will be asked to correct errors in the grading scale.

31. Consumer Science 201  Consumer Research & Analysis
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Howard
Action: Unanimously Approved

32. English 150  Literature & Culture of Asian America
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Brighouse
Action: Unanimously Approved

33. Geography 574  Geospatial database design and development
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Smith
Action: Conditionally Approved - Short one class period due to cancelling class for conference, the proposer will be asked to insert an additional instructional class period in the sample syllabus to replace the one cancelled.

34. Literature In Translation 213  Love and Sex in Italian Comedy
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Taylor
Action: Unanimously Approved

35. Literature In Translation 400  Machiavelli and His World
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Howard
Action: Unanimously Approved

36. Medical Physics 651  Methods for Neuroimaging Research
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Brown
Action: Deferred - The proposer will be asked to provide more information about the readings and assignments that are associated with each topic.

37. Social Work 100  So You Want to Change the World?
Type: New Course
Reviewer: Green
Action: Deferred - The syllabus shows that the Nov. 6 class is cancelled, the proposer will be asked to add a class session as per credit hour requirements there needs to be instructor contact for each of the 15 weeks of the semester. Assignments and readings, particularly toward the end of the semester should be increased to meet the out of class time component of the federal credit hour definition. Please provide information about how the presentations be structured given the large size of the class.
38. Sociology 205  Intercultural Dialogues  
Type: New Course  
Reviewer: Weimer  
**Action: Conditionally Approved** - The proposal and the syllabus are not consistent in the amount of time spent in lecture and laboratory. The proposal (justifications) indicates 2 lectures and a lab session each week. The syllabus (grading) says there is 1 lecture and 2 lab sessions. The proposer will be asked to clarify which is correct.

39. Sociology 206  Leadership in Intercultural Dialogues  
Type: New Course  
Reviewer: Weimer  
**Action: Conditionally Approved** - The proposal and the syllabus are not consistent in the amount of time spent in lecture and laboratory. The proposal (justifications) indicates 2 lectures and a lab session each week. The syllabus (course requirements) says there is one 3 hour session each week. The proposer will be asked to clarify which is correct.

IV. Discussion

A. Graduate Course Attribute  
The committee discusses sending a letter to departments reminding them that category B courses must have a syllabus that provides information about the difference between the undergraduate and graduate experience. Departments would have until June 1 to respond. Taylor is going to make further revisions to the draft circulated at the meeting.

B. Prerequisites  
Tabled due to lack of time.

C. Policy

IV. New Business

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.