University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2022-2023
Susan Sanchez, Chair
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Kylee Duberstein, Valerie Ryman substituting
Arts and Sciences – Jonathan Haddad (Arts), absent
Rodney Mauricio (Sciences)
Business – Jim Carson
Ecology – Amanda Rugenski
Education – David Jackson
Engineering – Kun Yao
Environment and Design – Ashley Steffens
Family and Consumer Sciences – Sheri Worthy
Forestry and Natural Resources – Joseph Dahlen
Journalism and Mass Communication – Dodie Cantrell-Bickley
Law – Randy Beck, absent
Pharmacy – Michelle McElhannon, absent
Public and International Affairs – Rongbin Han
Public Health – Pamela Orpinas, Marcus Dumas substituting
Social Work – Harold Briggs, Philip Hong substituting
Veterinary Medicine – Shannon Hostetter
Graduate School – Christof Meile
Ex-Officio – Provost S. Jack Hu, Marisa Pagnattaro substituting
Undergraduate Student Representative – Kate Lindgren
Graduate Student Representative – Yehia Abdelsamad

Guests: Umit Yilmaz
Swarn Chatterjee
Kristy Archuleta
Susan Brown
Robert Moser

The University Curriculum Committee met on August 26, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Minutes of the April 22, 2022, University Curriculum Committee were approved.

The committee unanimously approved the following proposals, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration:

- Proposal for a new minor in Urban Planning
- Proposal for a new online Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Financial Planning and Financial Therapy
- Proposal to offer the existing Master of Business Administration (Professional M.B.A.) online
- Proposal for a new major in Health Services Research and Policy (Ph.D.)
The committee approved the proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies under the major in Romance Languages (A.B.).

The committee approved the proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Legal Studies under the International Business (B.B.A.) co-major.

The committee elected the following course approval subcommittee chairs:
- Joseph Dahlen, Chair of the Physical Sciences and Mathematics Subcommittee
- Rodney Mauricio, Chair of the Biological Sciences Subcommittee
- Sheri Worthy, Chair of the Humanities and Fine Arts Subcommittee
- Kun Yao, Chair of the Other Professional Courses Subcommittee

Jonathan Haddad volunteered to serve as Chair of the Social Sciences Subcommittee subsequent to the meeting.

The committee discussed concerns about voting by course approval subcommittees through CAPA, and how votes to deny or discuss courses are managed currently in the system. Currently, the votes are not tallied and returned to the subcommittee. A motion was made to request that the Registrar’s Office send an email to the subcommittee chair and copy all subcommittee members if there is a vote of “Deny” or “Needs Discussion.” The Registrar’s Office will give the subcommittee five days to respond and indicate if they would like to meet. If the subcommittee chair indicates a meeting is necessary, the course will be held in the approval process until the concerns are resolved. If the subcommittee chair indicates no additional discussion is necessary, the course will proceed through the approval process. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chair Susan Sanchez requested volunteers to serve on four UCC subcommittees – Cultural Diversity, Environmental Awareness, Experiential Learning, and General Education. Jim Carson, Rongbin Han, and Rodney Mauricio volunteered to serve on the Cultural Diversity Subcommittee. Dodie Cantrell-Bickley and Amanda Rugenski volunteered to serve on the Experiential Learning Subcommittee. Christof Meile volunteered to serve on the Environmental Awareness Subcommittee. Susan Sanchez volunteered to serve on the General Education Subcommittee.

Rodney Mauricio, Chair of the General Education Subcommittee, provided the committee with a description of the subcommittee’s charge, responsibilities, and current projects.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Susan Sanchez, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro
Appendix A

Approval of the April 22, 2022, University Curriculum Committee minutes
  • Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
  • Second – Rodney Mauricio
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new minor in Urban Planning
  • Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
  • Second - Joseph Dahlen
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new online Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Financial Planning and Financial Therapy
  • Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
  • Second - Joseph Dahlen
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal to offer the existing Master of Business Administration (Professional M.B.A.) online
  • Motion to approve – Joseph Dahlen
  • Second – Kun Yao
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new major in Health Services Research and Policy (Ph.D.)
  • Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
  • Second - Joseph Dahlen
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies under the major in Romance Languages (A.B.)
  • Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
  • Second - Joseph Dahlen
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Legal Studies under the International Business (B.B.A.) Co-Major
  • Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
  • Second - Joseph Dahlen
  • Unanimously approved

Proposal to add email notification for course votes of “deny” or “needs discussion”
  • Motion to approve – Rodney Mauricio
  • Second - Joseph Dahlen
  • Unanimously approved