University Committee on Courses and Curricula

Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2013

In attendance were:

Not in attendance were:
Kazim Akyuzlu, AbdulRahman Alsamman, Jamie Blanch, Janice Janz, Florence Jumonville, Matt Moore

Minutes from the previous meeting on 11-6-13 were reviewed, there were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.

The following proposals were approved.

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The following proposals were approved pending the following changes, clarifications, or additions:

| ENCE 3323 | Intro to Environmental Engineering | Fast Track |

Please remove “or equivalent chemistry courses” as this is not able to be programmed.

| ENCE 4321 | Hydrology | Fast Track |
Please use parenthesis to group prerequisites in a way that is clear to the student and is able to be programmed. For example, (ENCE 3318 or ENME 3720) and (MATH 2314 or ENCE 3300), if this is your intention.

Please omit last sentence referencing graduate level work and credit. There will be a separate course description listed for 5321 and a blanket catalog statement identifying course levels.

ENCE 4390 Senior Civil Engineering Design Project Fast Track

Please use parenthesis to group prerequisites in a way that is clear to the student and is able to be programmed. For example, (ENCE 3391 or ENCE 3390), ENCE 4323, ENC 4340…

Please omit last sentence referencing graduate students. There will be a blanket catalog statement identifying course levels. Graduate students are no longer allowed to enroll in 4000 level undergraduate courses.

POLI 4601/5601 Voters and Elections Change

Please revise last sentence of course description to read, “This course explores” or “It also explores” instead of “We also explore.”

POLI 4653/5653 Political Socialization Change

Please revise first sentence of course description to read “This course investigates” instead of “This course will investigate.”

COLA Women’s and Gender Studies Fast Track

WGS 3090 - Please choose either “consent of department” or “consent of instructor.” “Consent of Women’s Studies internship supervisor” cannot be programmed.

Discussion Items

Residency requirements

The Committee reviewed recommendations made by the Advisors’ Council Steering Committee, which were based on faculty input and a review of peer institution requirements. There was a discussion regarding fairness/equity across all programs, implementation ramifications, percentages vs. credit hours, student learning outcomes, etc. Please refer to the attached document labeled Residency Requirement Recommendations_UCCC to review proposed language. It is the consensus of the committee to recommend these changes to the undergraduate residency requirements to the Provost. It's been suggested that these changes be effective Fall 2014 and that no current, continuing student should be affected by these changed policies.
Sign language course application

Per the Board of Regents, Sign Language may be used to fulfill a Foreign Language requirement. Thus, Sign Language may be used to fulfill the general education requirement for Humanities. It is important to note that Sign Language may not be used to fulfill the general education requirement for Social Sciences.

Transfer course evaluation process

A Transfer Course Evaluation Process flow chart draft was presented to the committee. It was the consensus of the committee that Chairs and Deans should approve transfer course evaluations. It was recommended that all courses, including 1000 and 2000 level courses, be evaluated by faculty as there may be nuances that require being close to the material to properly evaluate. The Committee does not want to be directly involved with evaluating individual changes, but has agreed to be involved in the process, perhaps providing oversight by reviewing a sample of the changes that have been approved/implemented on a regular basis (looking at the whole, rather than parts). A process for evaluating transfer courses at the graduate level should be determined with input from the Graduate Council.

Privateer Bound and DCC course transferability

The Privateer Bound bridge program is designed for students who do not meet UNO admissions standards – those students may take courses offered by Delgado Community College (DCC) on UNO’s campus until they have earned 24 transferrable credit hours, at which point they may be admitted to UNO.

CCSS 107: College and Career Success Skills is a DCC course similar to the UNIV 1001: University Success course offered at UNO. The Committee briefly discussed a request to allow credit for CCSS 107 to transfer in as UNO credit. The context of the request was that a Privateer Bound student who is registered for all remedial courses and CCSS will have earned no transferrable hours in their first semester, so this gives them some credit. In addition, these students are likely at higher risk for poor academic performance and would benefit from the university success course. A hybrid course targeted at these specific students is another option (DCC + UNO).

- CCSS 107 is 3 credit hours, UNIV 1001 is 1 credit hour.
- Enrollment is UNIV 1001 is mandatory for first time, full time freshman, and optional for transfer students.
- UNIV may be counted as an elective toward degree requirements.
The Committee considered allowing the transfer, but for only 1 credit hour, equivalent to the UNIV course. They would like Christy Heaton, Associate Director for Orientation and First Year Student Success, to evaluate both syllabi and make a recommendation.