

University Requirements Curriculum Committee
Minutes November 14, 2014

Present: J. Arhar, N. Cain-Bish, R. Duncan, M. Ellis, P. Evans, M. Ferranto (for T. Motter,), M. Haley, T. Janson (for C. Stillings), I. R. Nettey, D. Palmer, , K. Slenkovich (for J. Graham), C. Uher, W. Willoughby

Not Present: K. Burhanna, J. Ciesla, M. Crisler, B. Datta, M. Fisch, F. Haldar , L. Hanson L. Hoepfner-Poling, J. Jarzembak, T. Kandakai, T. Laux, J. Marino, C. McVay, E. Pringle, E. Robison, E. Sinclair-Colando, J. VanGeest, R. Walker, D. Warren

Meeting called to order at 2:34 pm by D. Palmer

Sign-in sheet circulated

Minutes from October 10, 2014 meeting approved.

Clarification on Issues from Past Meetings:

Therese Tillett questioned the intent of the URCC as it relates to the ELR status of Study Abroad and Study Away activities. The September 12, 2014 minutes indicated; "Requesting automatic ELR status for Study Abroad activities that are sanctioned by the University. Motion by Duncan, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried." Study Abroad and Study Away were lumped together for the motion; however for the sake of clarity, the minutes need to include the distinction. Both Study Abroad AND Study Away were discussed at the September 12, meeting and the intent of the URCC was to approve automatic ELR status for both Study Abroad AND Study Away activities.

At the March 14, 2014 meeting, URCC granted temporary Kent Core status for three Mathematics courses: Modeling Algebra Plus (5 credits), Algebra for Calculus Plus (4 credits), and Algebra for Calculus Stretch II (3 credits). A fourth course, Basic Math Concepts 1 Plus was pended awaiting further development. During DKS (summer of 2014) two sections of Basic Math Concepts 1 Plus were opened (involving 65 students). At the October 10, 2014 meeting, the College of Arts and Science: Department of Mathematics requested retroactive temporary Kent Core status for Basic Math Concepts 1 Plus. The UCC tabled the request until the November 2014 meeting pending syllabi for both Basic Math Concepts 1 Plus and Basic Math Concepts 1. Syllabi for MATH 14001 and 14001 Plus were provided at the November 2014 meeting. The request was again made that URCC grant retroactive temporary Kent Core status for Basic Math Concepts 1 Plus. Motion by Haley, seconded by Nettey. Motion carried.

Curricular Proposals:

College of Arts and Sciences: Department of Computer Science– Requesting ELR and WIC status for CS 44901 Software Development Practicum. The State has approved a Bachelor of Arts degree and this course will serve as the capstone course for the BA. This course mirrors what is done in other concentrations. The design of the course fits both ELR and WIC criteria. Motion by Haley, seconded by Evans. Motion carried.

College of Arts and Sciences: Department of Computer Science– Requesting revision of the pre-requisites for CS 33192 Internship in Computer Science. CS 33006 is no longer being offered, therefore it is being removed as a pre-requisite; there are no other changes to the course. Motion by Haley, seconded by Uher. Motion carried.

College of Arts and Sciences: Department of Mathematics– Requesting revision of the pre-requisites and content outline of MATH 44005 Actuarial Mathematics I, as well as ELR and WIC status. Department is making revision to the Bachelors of Science program. Students have the option of majoring in Actuarial Mathematics; if they do they need to take Actuarial exams. This course will help with that process. Motion by Haley, seconded by Arhar. Motion carried.

College of Arts and Sciences: Department of Mathematics– Requesting revision of the pre-requisites and ELR status of MATH 41001 Introduction to Modern Algebra I (course is already a WIC). If students don't do well in the pre-requisites, they have difficulty in MATH 41001. Therefore, adding requirement that students must earn at least a C or better in the pre-requisites. Motion by Haley, seconded by Evans. Motion carried.

Report of URCC Diversity Committee:

J. Arhar, Chairperson distributed copies of the report. The original draft was incomplete; this version is more comprehensive. Bottom line is – diversity requirement needs to be rethought. The same criterion appear to be in place for both domestic and global diversity. The original report (1993) met with resistance and appears to still meet opposition; it was proposed that URCC needs to take a stand. Areas of resistance may revolve around RCM and loss of money. Broad issues may be outside the scope of URCC; however, URCC needs to vote on the report before it goes to EPC. The report will be sent to the entire committee for discussion at the December 12 meeting. There is a link on page 6 of the report that might be helpful in clarifying the argument between domestic and global diversity. The AAC&U also puts out information on diversity. M. Haley will look to determine relevance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday December 12, 2014 at 2:30 pm.

There being no other business before the committee, meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.