

**Curriculum Committee
February 25, 2021
Minutes**

Present: Julie Bonner, Hongtao Dang, Sayantani Mukherjee, Clem Ehoff, Michael Goerger, Maria Sanders, Arne Leitert, Benjamin White, Lizzie Brown, Jessica Thompson, Bernadette Jungblut, Mark Meister, Coco Wu, Mike Harrod, Kurt Kirstein, Sydney Thompson, Mike Gimlin, and Mark Samples

Absent: None

Guest(s): Arturo Torres

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Lizzie moved to add the review log to the agenda. Sayantani seconded and motion was approved.

Julie moved to approve the February 18, 2021 minutes. Clem seconded and minutes were approved.

Review Log

Program Changes

#40 Multiple CTE and #41 Multiple FCL – Concern about the long codes. Mike Gimlin indicated this is okay.

#36 German Studies Minor – This program was paused by the committee and it did not go out on the review log to campus. The program seems like a student could take this German Studies minor with only taking one course specifically regarding Germany. This program has been on hiatus and History is getting a new hire who has background in German culture. Intention is to make the program more robust and more focused Germany options. The department is working to cross list courses with History and German. In order to take the minor a student will have to take one year of German. The way the program is proposed a student can take all Germany focused courses, or all meta-cultural courses. Mike Gimlin asked the committee for a definition between a new program and a program change. The existing German minor is focusing on German language, grammar, etc. and this program change is focused on the German culture. Recommend that the department review program outcomes and consider that this is a new minor and to make this a true German culture minor. New program learner outcomes are also probably needed as the ones attached are for the foreign language programs. Maria will speak with the department chair.

New programs

#34 Entertainment and Lifestyle Writing Certificate – Concern about that students could earn this certificate by default instead of by intention and that it doesn't specifically fit within the title of the program. Maybe a statement in the narrative that advisors will work with each student to ensure are meeting the intent of the program.

General Education memo – Maria shared the draft memo regarding the General Education program change being sent to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The committee discussed the inclusion

of language regarding the proposed procedure language on retroactively using courses approved into the General Education program.

The committee added this statement to the memo: "While the FSCC did not want to hold up the GE program change based solely on the above concern, we do feel strongly that it should be addressed. We recommend the Executive Committee charge the General Education committee to better define the Knowledge Areas by revisiting the learner outcomes."

Maria will check with General Education Committee to see what version of the outcomes they reviewed before completing the memo.

Program Discontinuation – The committee discussed the policy language. Question about 2.D. last sentence "A discontinuation review is not necessary if all parties are in agreement".

The committee will continue discussion on program discontinuation next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.