

Curriculum Committee for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

January 23, 2025

3:10 – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom

Present: Tim Sorey, Susan Merrill, Mike Gimlin, Lacy Ferrell, Paul Ballard, Benjamin White, Selena Castro, Mike Pease, Toni Sipic, Erica Pazian, Dia Gary, Gayla Blaisdell, Lizzie Brown, Kurt Kirstein, Sayantani Mukherjee, Tennecia Dacass, Anthony Marquez,

Absent: Arun Pillutla

1. **Call to Order** – 1/23/2025 at 3:10pm
2. **Minutes:** The motion to approve 1/9/2025 Minutes as submitted was passed.
3. **Chair's Report:** (written in first person by Tim Sorey – FSCC Chair)
 - Adjustment to agenda to add item #4 was reported by Susan Merrill, *"Approve 1/9/2025 Approval Log"* and #5 was reported by Tim Sorey on agenda item #5 with the misspelling of "Review January 23^d..."
 - Today, there will be some curriculum and/or programs that we will review whose originators, home department chair, and college Dean have requested FSCC to file FSCC Motions for FS review and vote upon concurrently with our upcoming 2-week campus review period. There is precedence for FSCC to honor this request at this time.
 - Benjamin White, last year's FSCC Chair pointed me into the direction of FSCC Motions 23-38, 23-39, and 23-40 to approve for campus review for the following new programs: Food and Agribusiness Innovation Management, BS; Information Technology Management BS, Information Technology Specialization; and Integrated Energy Management, BS on 4/18/2024. In order to get these new programs to the senate floor and onto the Board of Trustees, the aforementioned FSCC Motions were filed "...contingent upon FSCC approval." Faculty Senate reviewed, voted and passed these FSCC Motions on 5/1/24. These three new programs appeared on the FSCC approval log for the next day, without issue of campus review and passed FSCC on 5/2/24. I have reviewed the **"FSCC Report to the Senate_052924.docx"** and corroborate what Ben has told me, with these specific FSCC motions and dates of approval.
 - With this precedence set, FSCC will:
 - a) Review our Curriculum Summary Log, in agenda item 5, as we always do, with objectivity and integrity, moving from one section to the next in accordance with current FSCC Policy and Procedure.
 - b) Make FSCC Motions, once FSCC releases these curriculum and/or programs have been released for the scheduled 2-week review cycle. The language in this FSCC motion makes it clear that FS approval is "...contingent upon FSCC approval" as they review these curriculum and/or programs during the FS meeting (2/2/2025).
 - c) Reconvene for our next meeting to take under consideration feedback from the 2-week campus review, if any, and then vote on the Approval Log (2/3/2025).
 - Sandy Tennant is reassigned to other duties, due to budgetary restrictions, and will no longer be coming to our Curriculum Committee to take role, perform voting polls, and draft/complete notes for FSCC. I want to take the time to thank Sandy for her professional support and attention to details, these past couple of months. Sandy has taken time to meet with me to get me trained on preparing for upcoming meetings, where I will record sessions, take anonymous polls, and draft notes in our 'off-meeting weeks.'
4. **Approval Log:** The motion to approve 1/9/2025 approval log was moved and approved.
5. **Review of January 23, 2025 curriculum log:**

(31-Course Changes + 8-New Courses + 11-Program Changes + 5-New Programs = 55 Curricular Reviews)

Course Changes

Agenda #1 – ANTH 301 – Reviewer Erika Pazian – supported originator of course to make an adjustment to the second learner outcome (SLO), changing the learner verb from ‘Demonstrate an understanding of.’

Agenda #3 – AVP 201 – Reviewer Dia Gary – supported originator in clarifying a learner outcome that was resolved with the originator recognizing that this particular learner outcome (SLO) was a ‘...holdover from previous years.’

Agenda #10 – COM 407 – Reviewers Toni Sipic and Paul Ballard – supported originator to make adjustments to the fit within the 35-word allotment. Also, there were requested adjustments to an outdated language structure for a student learner outcome (SLO) from ‘Demonstrate and understanding of.’ to a 400 level assessable verb.

Agenda #23 – MGT 478 – Reviewer Lizzie Brown - supported originator to make adjustments to student learner outcomes (SLOs) #1 and #5. This included replacing making adjustments to lengthy outcomes that could either be separated with semicolons or separated into separate SLOs altogether. Also, consideration of a new verb, instead of ‘Demonstrate ability’ into more of a specific demonstrably measurable student outcomes.

Agenda #38 – SOC 338 – Reviewers Sayantani Mukherjee and Erika Pazian - supported originator to make adjustments to student learner outcomes (SLOs) #1, #2 and #4. This included replacing making adjustments to replace outdated language of ‘Demonstrate a knowledge of’ with specific demonstrably measurable student outcomes and to shorten language from ‘Discuss and analyze...’ to simply ‘Analyze...’.

Agenda #40 – SOC 349 – Reviewers Sayantani Mukherjee and Paul Ballard – supported originator to make write a justification for the change in prerequisites for this course. Requests for this provided information that an instructor for this course has added a module which replaces or supplements the aforementioned prerequisite course.

Agenda #47 – SOC 370 – Reviewers Sayantani Mukherjee and Paul Ballard – supported originator to make adjustments to student learner outcomes (SLOs) #1-#4. This included replacing making adjustments to replace outdated language of ‘Demonstrate a knowledge of’ with specific demonstrably measurable student outcomes and to shorten language from ‘Discuss and analyze...’ to simply ‘Analyze...’.

Agenda #48 – SOC 375 – Reviewers Sayantani Mukherjee and Paul Ballard – supported originator to make adjustments to the course description, recrafting a final sentence in support ‘tying the description together.’

Agenda #49 – SOC 445 – Reviewers Sayantani Mukherjee and Paul Ballard – supported originator to make adjustments to the course description student learner outcomes (SLOs) #1, #2 and #3. This included replacing making adjustments to replace outdated language of ‘Demonstrate a knowledge of’ with specific demonstrably measurable student outcomes and to shorten language from ‘Discuss and analyze...’ to simply ‘Analyze...’.

Motion to approve course changes for campus review was approved

New Courses

Agenda #18 – MATH 372 – Reviewer Paul Ballard - supported originator to make adjustments to student learner outcomes (SLOs) #1 and #3. This included replacing outdated language structure from ‘Demonstrate and understanding of,’ to a 300 level assessable verb.

Motion to approve new courses for campus review was approved

Program Changes – Reviewed but no recommended feedback nor adjustments requested.

Agenda #53, #54, and #55 – Social Services Major, BS; Sociology Service Major, BA (Large Plan); and Sociology Major, BA (Small Plan) – Reviewer Lacy Ferrell - supported originators to clarify their program guides and advises students through various sequences of classes (upwards of 4-courses) that are prerequisite for a senior level course, SOC 464. The intent of this communication was to “...*make sure that this will be consistent and that advisors will work with students to plan ahead.*”

Motion to approve program changes for campus review was approved

New Programs – Reviewed but no recommended feedback nor adjustments requested for the submitted new programs.

Motion to approve new programs for campus review was approved

FSCC was reviewed and approved to be sent out for 2-week campus review. We immediately discussed and voted to provide FS with a Motion to evaluate agenda items #27 Master of Business Administration (MBA); #28 Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Specialization in Human Resource Management; and #29 Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Specialization in Sport Business on February 5th during FS meeting. This motion will be filed by FSCC Chair by Friday, 1-24-2025. FSCC voting members consider any evaluation or vote to approve this motion within FS to be “...*contingent upon final approval of FSCC at their meeting on February 6th, 2025.*”

No further work was completed, as FSCC met past the allotted time of 5pm. Call for adjournment at 5:05pm.