



**CUCAS Minutes: DRAFT
May 14, 2015; SC 201 (MT)
9:30 a.m.**

2014-15 Members Present: Missy Alexander (A&S w/o vote), Jay Brower (co-chair/outgoing), Jessica Eckstein (co-chair/outgoing and incoming), Nick Greco, Jess House (PS with vote), David Martin (Ancell w/o vote), Deanna Schaab, Divya Sharma, Dave Smith, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox (outgoing), Jerry Wilcox (*ex officio*), & Lillian Baruffi

Members not present: Dan Goble (V&PA with vote), Lawrence Immohr, Barb Piscopo, Timothy Wiggins, Patrick Fallon, John Board, Alexa Hinds

Called to order at 9:32 a.m.

- I. Minutes of CUCAS meeting of April 9, 2015. Motion to approve minutes (Greco/Eckstein). Approved 8/0
- II. Announcements
 - a. GenEd Report (Alexander): Approved final versions of the competencies and outcomes and they are now on Blackboard. Directions were emailed by J. Cunningham on how to "opt in" to review and comment. Definitions of competencies and existing assessment plans and rubrics, if they exist, will be displayed. As a note, all gen ed courses will have to be approved again.
 - b. Summer Curriculum Committee Report (Eckstein): The committee met on April 29. There were about 11 proposals. Ten were awarded. There remains only \$20.22 in unused funds.
- III. Old Business: none.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Education & EdPsychology (O'Callaghan)
 - i. New course proposals:
 1. ED 3XX Technical Writing for Education Majors (CD1415137)
 2. ED 4XX Integrated Curriculum for Early Childhood in Inclusive Settings (CD1415115)
 3. ED 4XX Foundations of Early Childhood Education (CD1415116)

Motion to approve as a packet (Eckstein/Martin). Approved (8/0)

An overview was given by K. O'Callaghan: ED 3XX is a 1 credit course designed to help students with technical writing needed in the job. The writing department and the writing center were consulted in the design of this course.

ED 4XX courses are part of a partnership being explored with ECSU since they have a strong Early Childhood Program. Certification titles have been changed in CT and Elementary is defined as grades 1-6, so kindergarten fall into the category of Early Childhood Education. In 2004 when NY did this, it created a severe shortage. These are two foundational courses that can be transferred in across the board and can

benefit Social Work and other disciplines. These courses are not part of a current “option.” Some concern was expressed that a 400 level course is titled a “foundation” course. Most students taking the courses will be transfers from Norwalk and will coming in as Juniors or Seniors. These courses are meant for them. There was concern about an existing 500 level course with identical learning outcomes. The outlines of the courses will show the differentiation.

Motion Approved. (8/0)

b. Biological & Environmental Sciences

i. Contract Major: Busse, Environmental Policy (CD1415135) (Busse)

M. Busse commented that this is needed to prepare him for graduate work and for a career as an Environmental attorney. There was discussion about BIO 498 (Faculty Developed Course) being listed since it hasn't been approved. This may limit Busse if the course is not offered at the appropriate time. Generalize with a 4XX. It was determined that it should be changed to a 3XX OR 4XX since either of those would be acceptable.

Motion Approved with the revision of BIO 498 being changed to 3XX or 4XX. (8/0)

ii. New course proposal: BIO 1XX Scientific Inquiry in the Field (CD1415126)(Boily)

Motion to approve (Eckstein/Greco)

T. Pinou explained that this is an outdoor lab experience in the field. It was run previously in Costa Rica and was a huge success. It entails over 40 hours of outdoor time.

Motion Approved. (8/0)

c. Health Promotion & Exercise Sciences

i. New option in B.S. Health Promotion Studies: Allied Health Professions (CD1415134) (Stevens)

Motion to Table (Greco/Martin)

A motion was made to table this until the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics departments have been contacted by E. Stevens to determine impact on their courses.

Motion to Table Approved. (7/0)

ii. Changes to program info for B.S. Hlth Promot Studies options: Community Health, Wellness Mngmnt, and Holistic & Integrative Health (Rajcula)

1. New Program Sheet for options (CD1415133)
2. Reduce free-electives for options: 26 → 21 S.H. (CD1415132)
3. Add CHE 111 as option for CHEM GenEd req. for options (CD1415131)
4. Change GenEd req. from HIS 101 to HIS 149 or 149 for options (CD1415130)
5. Change GenEd req. from PSY 218 to PSY Elective for options (CD1415129)

Motion to approve as a packet (Greco/Sharma)

Motion to Table (Greco/Sharma)

There was a motion to table this due to: 1. Missing Department minutes. The department minutes approving the changes must be on file. 2. Approval from Biology and Chemistry is needed to ensure the departments can accommodate these changes. 3. Program sheet revision: change the word “elective” to “required” since the courses listed for the second half require the first half. 4. Be sure number 4 above reads, “...from HIS 101 to HIS 148 or 149...”

Motion to Table Approved. (7/0)

- iii. Change to course credit awarded for 1 year athletic competition (1/2 to 1 S.H.) (CD1415128)
Motion to Approve (Greco/Sharma)
There were no questions or discussions.
Motion Approved. (8/0)

- d. History & Non-Western Cultures
 - i. Revise minor in Urban Studies (CD1415125) (Duffy)
Motion to Approve (Eckstein/Greco)
J. Duffy explained that this is a change to the minor to allow for joint administration between History/NWC and Department of Social Sciences. Include two history courses to count toward the minor: Immigrant NYC and a Student Independent Study in History as long as it is related to Urban community.
Some discussion about when this would take effect if it is approved. Officially, it would be Fall 2016.
However, students can be directed to take courses prior to that at the discretion of the department/advisor since, as a minor, it is not on the program sheet.
Motion Approved. (8/0)

 - ii. Revise Secondary Education-History Major (CD 1415117) Duffy
Motion to Approve (Gadkar-Wilcox/Martin)
Change an existing requirement. Rather than give students option to take micro or macro economics based on praxis, require macro economics. Add two new requirements: Intro to Sociology and Intro to Anthropology.
No comments or discussion.
Motion Approved. (7/0)

 - iii. New Minor in Social Studies for Secondary Education (CE1415118) Duffy
Motion to Approve (Greco/House)
Two courses added to social study requirements. This totals 18 credits which could qualify as a minor and which will recognize the content knowledge that students need for certification. This would only be for Secondary Education in History majors. The licensure students receive in CT is History/Social Studies. This new minor will mirror the licensure with a major in History and a Social Studies minor.
Motion Approved. (8/0)

- e. School of Arts & Sciences (Alexander)
 - i. BA Degrees in A&S reduced to 120 credits (CD1415112)
Motion to Approve (Eckstein/House)
M. Alexander explained that she met with each department and a vote was held. Reduced two electives.
No other comments or discussion.
Motion Approved. (8/0)

- f. Communication
 - i. New Degree proposal: BA Digital and Interactive Media (DIMA) (CD1415110)
Motion to Approve (Sharma/Eckstein)
This was presented to CUCAS at an earlier date but had not received UPBC approval. It has since received approval. Discussion about how this new program would be administered since it is across disciplines. M. Alexander stated that she spoke with the Chair of the Senate and they foresee a standing committee will oversee the program.
Under the DIMA core, the Internship is listed as a requirement but must be changed to an elective since we cannot guarantee an internship for each student.
Motion Approved with revision of Internship course to an elective. (8/0)

ii. New Course proposals:

1. DIMA 4XX Senior Project and Presentation (CD1415070)
2. DIMA 297 DIMA Internship (CD1415069)
3. DIMA 3XX Digital and Interactive Technologies (CD1415068)
4. DIMA 2XX Design for Digital and Interactive Media (CD1415067)
5. DIMA 1XX Introduction to Digital Interactive Media (CD1415066)

Motion to approve as a packet (Martin/Greco)

Correct the name of course title DIMA 1XX: Introduction to Digital and Interactive Media (CD1415066) in Sharepoint. There was discussion about having adequate staffing. M. Alexander stated that lines have been requested but does not wish to hold up the program waiting for final approval since there is a need for this program.

Motion Approved. (8/0)

g. Computer Science (Ganchev)

i. New Degree proposal: BA in Applied Computing (CD1415109)

Motion to Approve (Greco/Sharma)

G. Ganchev discussed that the degree was a BA then BS. The BS requires a large number of mathematical courses which is important for students continuing for a Master's or Ph.D. However, for students interested in entering the work force, the BA degree is more realistic. Concern was expressed about CS 140 and 143 not being counted toward the CS major. There is no space in the current program due to the credit limit. This issue will disappear with the new gen ed initiative next year and 140 and 143 will be able to be counted toward the major. Also, concern was expressed over the credit count concerning the Math requirement: Math 170/171 OR Math 181. The 3 credit difference would be accounted for in a free elective. Care should be taken in listing these requirements to avoid confusion. It is not "170 and (171 or 181)" but "(170 and 171) OR 181."

Motion Approved with revisions: Identify credit range based on "(170 and 171) OR 181; and revision to CS 140 and 143 being taken for major credit. (8/0)

h. Art (Skora/Wells)

i. New Course proposals:

1. ART 4XX Art Portfolio: Graphic Design (CD1415091)
2. ART 4XX Gallery Interactions (CD1415090)
3. ART 4XX Advanced Digital Illustration (CD1415086)
4. ART 3XX Digital Production: Web Development (CD1415077)
5. ART 3XX Digital Production: InDesign (CD1415076)
6. ART 3XX Digital Production: Illustrator Art (1415055)
7. ART 3XX Digital Illustration (CD1415075)

Motion to approve as a packet (Eckstein/Sharma)

Skora/Wells stated that many of these revisions are being made because the numbering system was not logical; descriptions have been revised since they didn't make sense; and outcomes weren't listed. The capstone, which was one course, has been broken into five courses.

Approved with revision of ART 4XX Gallery Interactions (CD1415090) being renumbered to ART 2XX.

i. Marketing (Drozdenko)

i. New Course proposal: MKT 1XX Orientation to the Ansell Undergraduate Business Program (CD1415170)

Motion to Approve (Eckstein/Greco)

R. Drozdenko stated that this would be in place of the current FY experience for marketing majors. This course is needed to improve retention/enhance student experiences/establish cohorts. It is similar to a first year experience and will discuss registration etc. There was discussion about whether this course could be rolled out for the Fall 2015 semester. D. Schaab explained that registration/courses/classrooms have been essentially completed for the Fall 2015 semester, therefore it is unlikely this change can be accommodated for this upcoming fall semester due to the logistics of classroom, existing registration etc. R. Drozdenko and D. Schaab will meet and discuss this at a future date.

Motion approved. (8/0)

2014-2015 Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

For 2015-16 Members:

- V. Other
 - a. Welcome to new members; thank you to outgoing
 - b. 2015-16 CUCAS Chair Election

2015-2016 Meeting called to order 10:50 a.m.

Incoming members: J.C. Barone, Katie Lever-Mazzuto

Outgoing members: Jay Brower, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox

J. House and D. Goble will have no vote.

M. Alexander and D. Martin will have a vote.

Nick Greco was nominated and accepted as new Chair of the CUCAS Committee.

2015-2016 Meeting adjourned 10:52 a.m.