

Padmini Chandrasekaran, Karoline Evans, Michael Geiger, Mary Gormley, Michelle Hunt, Mary Kate Keyes, Art Mittler, Carol Myers, Jesus Reyes-Blanco, Kevin Petersen*, Julie Nash¹ (absent), Mai Nguyen¹, Anthony Milisci,² (absent)*

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Minutes

Meeting of Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) of Faculty Senate

October 16, 2023, 3:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall 102

1. Minutes of September 11, 2023 [Approved via email during the week of September 11.](#)
2. Program Proposals
 1. **New Option:** B.A. in World Languages and Cultures, French/Italian Option (Giulia DeLisle) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1213/form> Motion to approve by Art Mittler. Seconded by Karoline Evans. [Motion approved \(8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain\).](#)
 2. **Change Approved 4000-Level Electives:** Motion to approve by Art Mittler. Seconded by Mary Gormley. [Motion approved \(8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain\).](#)
 - i. B.A. in Political Science, American Politics (Joshua Dyck) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1255/form>
 - ii. B.A. in Political Science, International Relations and Comparative Politics (Joshua Dyck) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1257/form>
 - iii. B.A. in Political Science, Sustainability and Environmental Politics (Joshua Dyck) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1258/form>
 3. **Change Approved Electives:** B.A. in Political Science, Law & Politics (Joshua Dyck) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1254/form> Motion to approve by Art Mittler. Seconded by Mary Gormley. [Motion approved \(8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain\).](#)
 4. **Change Approved Electives:** B.A. in Political Science, Political Communication and Public Opinion (Joshua Dyck) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1259/form> Motion to approve by Art Mittler. Seconded by Mary Gormley. [Motion approved \(8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain\).](#)
 5. **Change Approved Electives:** Minor in Gender Studies (Christa Hodapp) <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1293/form> Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes. Seconded by Carol Myers. [The committee noted that exceptions should be used for appropriate sections of special topics courses. Motion approved \(8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain\).](#)

3. Course Proposals

1. ARCH.3160 Architectural Utopias (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1214/form>
2. ARTS.3690 Screenprinting (new course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1209/form>
3. BIOL.2450 Human Evolutionary Biology (new course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1058/form>
4. BIOL.2525 Intro to Neurobio (new course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:523/form>
5. BIOL.4892 Crystallography and Structural Bioinformatics (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1173/form>
6. LGST.2870 Legal Writing (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1282/form>
7. PLAS.0010 Plastics Safety Lecture (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1283/form>
8. PLAS.0020 Plastics Safety Lecture (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1284/form> The committee noted that the course needs to be re-named to reflect Plastics Safety Lecture 2.
9. POLI.3670 Europe the Tension of Pos Modern Politics (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1251/form> The committee noted that the course title is broad, but the course description is more specific. The committee expressed concern that this 3000-level course does not have a pre-requisite. The committee would like to promote good pedagogical practices in designing upper-level courses to ensure proper scaffolding of knowledge and student preparation for upper-level courses.
10. POLI.3920 Comparative Political Behavior (new course).
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1260/form> The committee expressed concern about first year students registering for a 3000-level course if there is no pre-requisite course. The Registrar's Office strongly recommends a pre-requisite course.
11. SOCI.2010 Foundations of Social Analysis (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1203/form>
12. WLF.3035 Return in Francophone Literature and Visual Arts (new course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1249/form>
13. WLPO.3060 The Short Story in the Lusophone World (change course)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1252/form>

Motion to approve #1-8 and #11-13 by Mary Gormley. Seconded by Carol Myers. Motion approved (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

Motion to vote on #9 by Carol Myers. Seconded by Mary Gormley. Proposal was not approved (0 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain).

Motion to vote on #10 by Art Mittler. Seconded by Carol Myers. Proposal was not approved (0 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain).

Discussion: The committee recommends a policy to require a pre-requisite for 3000/4000-level courses.

The current policy: <https://www.uml.edu/catalog/undergraduate/policies/academic-policies/course-descriptions.aspx> doesn't say anything about 4000-level. The system doesn't enforce the policy as it is currently written. The Registrar's Office will not add a 4000-level course to the catalog without a pre-requisite.

Motion by Mary Kate Keyes to bring forward to Faculty Senate a policy change to require pre-requisites for 3000/4000-level courses. Requires Faculty Senate approval. Seconded by Carol Myers. **Motion approved (7 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain).**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.