Padmini Chandrasekaran, Karoline Evans, Michael Geiger, Mary Gormley, Michelle Hunt*, Mary Kate Keyes, Art Mittler, Carol Myers, Jesus Reyes-Blanco, Kevin Petersen*, Julie Nash[1] (absent), Mai Nguyen[1], Anthony Milisci,[2] (absent)

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Minutes

Meeting of Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) of Faculty Senate

November 13, 2023, 3:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall 102

1. Minutes of October 16, 2023 https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1437/form Approved via email week of 10/24

2. Announcements

    1. **B.S. in Nursing – Outcomes** (Laurie Soroken). Mike Geiger shared existing and updated program outcomes. The department is currently completing accreditation. https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1467/form

    2. **Internship Language** (Greg Denon / Sal Mazzone). With the Chancellor's commitment to career-connected opportunities, a process is needed so that international students are included. International students are not allowed to work off-campus unless it is through curricular training. For students on an F1 visa the government will ask if the work experience is an integral part of the established curriculum and a required component of the course. ISSO is requesting that each department and program look at course descriptions for intern-like courses, to make it crystal clear when a work experience is a requirement of the course. If a course does require a work experience (not an option, but THE requirement) then ISSO proposes adding two short statements to the course description (see slides). This will allow ISSO to provide the government with required information for international students. Without this language, international students would not be allowed to participate in career-connected opportunities.

        The committee discussed potential timelines for implementation by 2025. ISSO will bring this request to GPAC next week.

3. Policy Proposals

    1. **Exercise Science Admission Criteria** for Transfer Students – Internal and External (Nicole Champagne). Mary Kate Keyes presented the proposal to change the required GPA to 2.5 and one semester of the science sequence, only for clinical or pre-health option. Formerly required GPA 2.7 and two semesters of the

science sequence. This change is in line with other programs in the college and will go into effect for FA24. Motion to approve by Mary Gormley, second by Carol Myers. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1450/form

4. Program Proposals

   1. **New Subplan for an Existing Plan**: **B.A. in World Languages and Cultures, Portuguese/Spanish Option** (Danielle Boutwell). Diana Gomes Simoes presented the proposal to add this option, similar to the other dual-language options for this degree. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Mary Gormley. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1381/form

   2. **Change an Existing Plan**: **B.M. in Music Business no subplan** (Ramon Castillo). Alan Williams presented the proposal which includes a slight alteration to the existing degree pathway. Most students are taking a course in music technology and the department would like students to take MUSR.1100 Intro to Music Technology. Incoming FA24 students will have this course as a requirement. Motion to approve by Karoline Evans, second by Mary Gormley. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1311/form

   3. **Change an Existing Minor**:

      i. **Minor in Film Studies** (Danielle Boutwell). Diana Gomes Simoes presented the proposal. Adding a foundational course DGMD.1050 Intro to Film Studies. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Jesus Reyes-Blanco. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1364/form

      ii. **Minor in Nutritional Science** (Nicole Champagne). Mary Kate Keyes presented the proposal to rectify requirements for minors that were more stringent than the major. Motion to approve by Carol Myers, second by Mary Gormley. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1409/form

   4. **Change an Existing Certificate**: **Certificate in Paralegal Studies** (Michelle Veilleux). Remove one of the required courses and move it into the electives, to allow students to select courses in area of interest. Students can use these courses to apply to the Bachelor of Liberal Arts and the B.S. in Criminal Justice. Motion to approve by Pam Chandrasekaran, second by Art Mittler. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1385/form

5. Course Proposals

   1. ARTS.3800 Special Topics (change course) For the Art department, a lab is a studio. The Registrar prefers to list it as a studio. The committee updated the course component in Curriculog from "laboratory" to "studio". https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1390/form

2. COMP.4500 Mobile Robotics 1 (change course) This needs to be a new course. The committee rejected the change and asked for a new course proposal. https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1298/form
3. COMP.4510 Mobile Robotics 2 (change course) This needs to be a new course. The committee rejected the change and asked for a new course proposal. The committee asked if there is a pre-req but couldn't open the syllabus. https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1315/form
4. DGMD.3100 Advanced Editing for Digital Media (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1297/form
5. ENGL.3690 Reading and Writing in New Media (change course) The request is to change the pre-req for online only. In practice, undergrads have pre-req but GPS students do not, because the instructor confirms the GPS student has the pre-req. The committee confirmed that it must be the same, for all students across all modalities. The committee rejected the change and advised that there would need to be a new degree pathway. https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1410/form
6. ENTR.3000 Principles of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1416/form
7. GNDR.3200 Special Topics in Queer Studies (new course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:868/form
8. HONR.2003 Honors College Symposium (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1176/form
9. MATH.1310 Calculus I (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1415/form
10. MECH.2010 Computer Aided Design (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1427/form
11. MECH.2960 Materials Science for Engineers (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1432/form
12. MECH.3020 Instrumentation and Measurement Laboratory (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1431/form
13. MECH.3110 Applied Strength of Materials (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1430/form
14. MECH.3610 Mathematical Methods for Mechanical Engineers (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1428/form
15. MECH.4030 Thermal Fluids Laboratory (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1429/form
16. PHIL.2010 Intro to Philosophy (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1319/form
17. PHIL.2020 Intro to Logic (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1332/form
18. PHIL.2030 Intro to Ethics (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1323/form
19. PHIL.2060 Intro to Political Philosophy (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1327/form
20. PHIL.2080 Intro to Philosophy of Science (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1341/form
21. PHIL.2960 Intro to World Religions (change course) https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1329/form

22. PHIL.3010 Ways of Knowing (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1317/form
23. PHIL.3040 God and Philosophy (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1346/form
24. PHIL.3050 Language Signs and Symbols (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1351/form
25. PHIL.3060 Feminist Theory Politics (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1356/form
26. PHIL.3080 Philosophy of Race and Gender (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1320/form
27. PHIL.3100 Philosophy of Creative Imagination (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1322/form
28. PHIL.3101 Philosophy of Humor and Comedy (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1318/form
29. PHIL.3105 Philosophy of Disability (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1325/form
30. PHIL.3106 Public Health Ethics (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1328/form
31. PHIL.3107 Animal Ethics (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1333/form
32. PHIL.3108 Neuroethics (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1335/form
33. PHIL.3110 Philosophy and Literature (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1321/form
34. PHIL.3130 American Philosophy (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1337/form
35. PHIL.3140 Philosophy of the Gothic Imagination (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1339/form
36. PHIL.3141 Dantes Way From Fear to Peace (inactivate course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1357/form
37. PHIL.3150 Philosophical Topics (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1342/form
38. PHIL.3160 Philosophy and Film (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1326/form
39. PHIL.3270 Environmental Philosophy (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1347/form
40. PHIL.3300 Philosophy of Symbolic Logic (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1324/form
41. PHIL.3310 Philosophy of the Mind (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1358/form
42. PHIL.3340 Engineering and Ethics (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1330/form
43. PHIL.3360 Early Modern Philosophy (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1331/form
44. PHIL.3390 Poetry and Philosophy After Plato (inactivate course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1355/form
45. PHIL.3400 Mysticism: East and West (change course)
    https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1349/form

46. PHIL.3420 Critical Theory and Society (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1340/form
47. PHIL.3470 Greek Tragedy and Philosophy (inactivate course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1354/form
48. PHIL.3500 World Philosophies (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1334/form
49. PHIL.3670 Feminism and Liberalism (inactivate course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1353/form
50. PHIL.3680 Politics of Food (inactivate course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1350/form
51. PHIL.3700 Metaphysics (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1360/form
52. PHIL.3780 Philosophy of Peace and Nonviolence (inactivate course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1348/form
53. PHIL.3850 Philosophy of Popular Culture (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1336/form
54. PHIL.3870 Plato and the Beginning of Philosophy (inactivate course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1345/form
55. PHIL.3900 Philosophy of Sport (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1343/form
56. PHIL.3960 History of Moral Philosophy (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1338/form
57. PHIL.4010 Bioethics and Genetic Research (change course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1344/form
58. PHYS.4840 Radar Measurement Theory and Practice (new course)
   https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1267/form

New Dept Chair Nick Evans provided insight on the Philosophy course proposals. The dept is taking introductory steps to change their curriculum. Namely, to offer introductory courses, add College Writing pre-requisites, rename courses to be more intelligible, and inactivate duplicative courses. Next steps will include adding Topics in Philosophy for majors only to build community, replacing Communications with a Public Philosophy concentration to encourage movement and activism, adding a Religion Studies person for that track, new courses sequences, better collaboration with North Campus and inter-college connections, and more.

Motion to approve all course proposals, with the exception of COMP.4500, COMP.4510, and ENGL.3690, by Art Mittler, second by Mary Kate Keyes. Motion approved unanimously (yes 8, no 0, abstain 0)

6. Discussion

   1. Senate Feedback on Proposed Pre-requisite Policy – The committee discussed the initial feedback on the proposed pre-requisite policy. Highlights included:
      - The importance behind the intent of the policy; the purpose of pre-requisites is to scaffold knowledge, including reading, writing, and analysis skills.

- Course levels are designed to be introductory, to reinforce, or to master.
- The importance of looking at our degree pathways and looking at what other universities are doing. Curriculum mapping is key.
- A pre-requisite might be:
  - College Writing, which provides important college skills
  - "Music majors only"
  - Instructor permission
- The importance of thinking about a smart, reasonable timeline to properly address all courses.
- The best time for the Registrar's Office would include an August 1 deadline.
- The possibility of addressing 4000-level courses first, then moving on to requirements and electives.
- Next steps will be to clarify what UPC is proposing, why it is being proposed, and defining terms.

2. The Role of UPC – The committee discussed UPC's role in building a more engaged senate. There is a need to clarify the role of faculty oversight at this level. One goal is to create a handbook to delineate roles & responsibilities, what we do, why we do it. This effort will support onboarding for faculty senators. The committee will discuss further at the December 11 meeting.

Next UPC Meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 at 3:30-5:00pm in Alumni Hall 102

Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.