

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Undergraduate Education
DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

10:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Board Room, 4th Floor Administration Building

Attending: Rich Bellon (Lyman Briggs), Andrew Corner (Comm Arts), Jan Eberle (Music), Kathy Forrest (Nursing), Mark Largent (interim Associate Provost), Gina Leininger (Natural Science), Sheng-Mei Ma (Arts & Letters), Helen Mayer (Vet Med), Norbert Mueller (Engineering), Kimberly Blair-Chambers for Steve Shablin (Registrar's Office), Emily Tabuteau (Social Science), Antoinette Tessmer (Business), Scott Yoder (RCAH), Matt Zierler (Honors College), Dan McCole for Robert Richardson (Agriculture & Natural Resources)

Absent: Katie Gray (ASMSU), China Gross (ASMSU), Salim Nuhu (COGS), Katie Ruger (Osteopathic Medicine), Elizabeth Webster (Library)

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved for January 24, 2019.

Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson Bellon had no comments.

Comments from the Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Interim Associate Provost Largent announced that Terry Curry will speak at the February 21 UCUE meeting about the search for the next Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Request to Change the Admission to the College Requirements in the Eli Broad College of Business (Action Item)

Kathy Petroni, Associate Dean, College of Business

The committee granted voice to Associate Dean Petroni.

Associate Dean Petroni discussed the following requests to change the admission to the College requirements:

- Require CSE 102 (or an equivalent), a course focused on programming, instead of CSE 101, a course focused on Excel;
- require Statistics 200 as an admission requirement so students would take it before they apply to the College;
- require either Economics 201 or 202.

Discussion took place regarding issues with an admissions bottleneck and the use of a marketing campaign to highlight equivalent courses for admissions.

Discussion took place about the fact that about half of the students applying to the College of Business do not get admitted. The admission changes that are being requested will better prepare the students for successful application into another College. Associate Dean Petroni stated that some Big Ten Universities do direct admit out of high school; however, that is currently not an option at MSU.

Voice was removed from Associate Dean Petroni.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Change the Admission to the College Requirements in the Eli Broad College of Business.

Request to Change the Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Eli Broad College of Business (Action Item)

Kathy Petroni, Associate Dean, College of Business

The committee granted voice to Associate Dean Petroni.

Associate Dean Petroni stated the requested change is for MTH 124 to be a required course. Other changes noted are that CSE 101 is now CSE 102. Management 250 is now Marketing 250.

A brief discussion took place regarding the Tier II writing requirement and how it exists throughout the various majors.

Voice was removed from Associate Dean Petroni.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Change the Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Eli Broad College of Business with a friendly amendment under “Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree,” 1., second sentence, “The completion of Mathematics 103 and 124, Statistics 200,” add 201 or 315.

Request for a New Minor in Media Photography (Action Item)

Ann Hoffman, Assistant Dean, College of Communication Arts & Sciences

Judy Walgren, Photography Instructor, College of Communication Arts & Sciences

The committee granted voice to Assistant Dean Hoffman and Ms. Walgren.

Ms. Walgren stated how photography is being used in many different careers such as nursing and agriculture. The need for an understanding of photojournalism was discussed. The creation of this Minor will allow students from other colleges to access media photography courses and will help students from other colleges be knowledgeable about how to use photography in all forms of communications.

Assistant Dean Hoffman referenced a letter from the Chairperson of Art, Art History, and Design for support of the new Minor. A brief discussion was held regarding the overlap with a Journalism major and the number of courses that could be double counted toward this Minor.

Voice was removed from Assistant Dean Hoffman and Ms. Walgren.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for a New Minor in Media Photography.

Request for Changes to a Required Listing of Courses in which a minimum grade of 2.0 is required in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre (Action Item)

Kirk Domer, Chairperson, Department of Theatre, College of Arts & Letters

The committee granted voice to Chairperson Domer.

Chairperson Domer stated that the request is to add a new course, a sophomore seminar, that could lead students to adjacent careers in theatre and not just an actor or a designer. The course could help students work in a career in television or creating window displays. Chairperson Domer stated that the department plans to follow up with alumni to see where their careers have led them.

Chairperson Domer stated that the credits will be reduced in senior seminar to make room for the sophomore seminar. Students will be encouraged to create portfolios and document their experiences throughout their degree program.

Voice was removed from Chairperson Domer.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for Changes to a Required Listing of Courses in which a Minimum Grade of 2.0 is required in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre.

Request for Changes in the Admission Requirements to the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree in Landscape Architecture and Changes in a Grade Requirement of 2.0 in All Landscape Architecture Courses (Action Item)

Jun-Hyun Kim, Director, Landscape Architecture, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Susan Derosa, academic advisor, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Dr. Kim and Ms. Derosa.

Dr. Kim stated that the Landscape Architecture LA degree is one of the top ten programs in the country in its field. More than fifty percent of the students in this degree are transfer students. Dr. Kim stated that the department has a large endowment to support study abroad and one hundred percent of LA students participate in the optional study abroad.

Dr. Kim stated the requested changes in the admission requirements are:

- Allow students to be admitted as sophomores;
- Completion of 28 credits;
- Submission of a completed Landscape Architecture (LA) application package by the deadline specified by the School;
- Achieve a grade of 2.0 or higher in the following core Landscape Architecture courses: LA 140 Graphics and Two-Dimensional Design Studio, LA 141 Graphics and Three-Dimensional Design Studio, and LA 200 Introduction to Landscape Architecture;
- Completion of the University, College and School mathematics requirement;
- Completion of PDC 120 Planning and Design Digital Graphics.
- Transfer students and students with 28 or more credits who want to change their major to LA may have previous design work evaluated by the program prior to placement in LA second-year courses and above.

- A minimum cumulative MSU grade-point average of 2.00 in all LA courses referenced in item 2c. under “Requirements for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree in LA.”

A brief discussion was held regarding expanding a design studio. Dr. Kim stated that this is unlikely because the number of design-studio slots that Landscape Architecture is able to offer is constrained by a low student/faculty ratio required by accreditation standards.

Voice was removed from Dr. Kim and Ms. Derosa.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for Changes in the Admission Requirements to the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree in Landscape Architecture and Changes in a Grade Requirement of 2.0 in All Landscape Architecture Courses.

Roundtable

Kimberly Blair Chambers stated that Steve Shablin was not at today’s UCUE meeting because he is participating in interviews for outside implementation partners for the new Student Information System (SIS). Interim Associate Provost Largent explained that the purchase price of the software represented only a small fraction of the total cost of the SIS. Implementation represents the large majority of the financial outlay. The choice of implementation partner will be essential for a successful transition to the new SIS.

Jan Eberle announced that the Billman Music Pavilion addition to the College of Music is making progress.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Frechen.