

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Undergraduate Education
DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

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

Board Room, 4th Floor Administration Building

Attending: Rich Bellon, Andrew Corner, Jan Eberle, Kathy Forrest, Mark Largent, Gina Leinninger, Sheng-Mei Ma, Helen Mayer, Norbert Mueller, Steve Shablin, Emily Tabuteau, Antoinette Tessmer, Elizabeth Webster, Scot Yoder, Matt Zierler, Daniel McCole for Robert Richardson

Absent: Stephanie Cohen, Deb Dotterer, Katie Gray, China Gross, Salim Nuhu, Katie Ruger, Colleen Tremonte

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved for April 11, 2019.

Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson Bellon thanked the committee for their work this year.

Comments from the Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Interim Associate Provost Largent thanked the committee for their contributions to this past academic year.

Request for a Moratorium Extension on Admission to the Italian Disciplinary Teaching Minor for Secondary Education – Tabled from April 11, 2019 (Action Item)

Chairperson Bellon stated that due to the nature of this extension, representation from the College of Arts and Letters was not necessary. This Teaching Minor has been discontinued since it is no longer compatible with the State of Michigan teaching requirements.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for a Moratorium Extension on Admission to the Italian Disciplinary Teaching Minor for Secondary Education.

Request to Add an Admission Requirement for the Minor in Creative Writing (Action Item)

The committee granted voice to Chairperson McCallum.

A discussion was held regarding the change in the courses required for the minor as well as the change to have admission by “application review only.” Chairperson McCallum stated that this Minor has been revised into a more sustainable, genre focused set of tracks and that this change should help students be better able to complete the minor in a timely way, since it takes into consideration availability of courses. With the recent loss of three core faculty, the Department is scaling its Creative Writing program to the faculty that are currently available.

Voice was removed from Chairperson McCallum.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to add an Admission Requirement for the Minor in Creative Writing.

Election of 2019- 20 Officers

After a brief discussion regarding responsibilities of the UCUE Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the following was approved: Andrew Corner was nominated and approved as Chairperson. Gina Leininger was nominated and approved as Vice Chair. Jan Eberle is the incumbent for the Military Education Advisory Committee (MEAC).

Interim Associate Provost Largent led a discussion stating that the current course repeat policy is not equitable nor a wise way to spend campus resources. Currently, there is a 20-credit repeat policy with a pass/repeatable and pass/non repeatable system. Shortcomings of the current policy discussed included SIS limitations, students retaking the same class more than once for a better grade and how this distorts student success data. A UCUE member indicated that students should have an opportunity to repeat a class in the event they are experiencing a crisis which may negatively affect their grades.

Interim Associate Provost asked for suggestions to give to the SIS Modernization team regarding the level of customization desired for the new SIS. Discussion included:

- Pros and cons of not allowing any repeats vs. allowing a one-time repeat;
- possibility of a final grade by combining original grade and retake grade;
- public perception that by allowing students to repeat classes is a way for the University to create additional revenue;
- the connection of a repeat policy with financial aid;
- how and if a course repeat should show on a transcript;
- retaking courses under the Flat Rate Tuition policy.

Chairperson Bellon provided an update on early morning parking availability near the MSU library.

A discussion was held regarding students' desire to study at the library vs. the availability of parking near the library after 6pm. Transportation alternatives discussed include ASMSU Saferide and Safewalk.

Possible solutions included:

- An outreach campaign clarifying the parking options that currently exist;
- Request additional parking spaces in lot 11 which is behind the library;
- Joe Salem, MSU librarian, will contact new police chief regarding a walking service if a student is unable to park near the library.

Chairperson Bellon stated "In the interests of student access and safety, the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) supports an appropriate number of parking spaces available to students near the MSU Library and MSU Union during 7pm-6am. UCUE encourages Parking Services to pursue options for additional parking availability. UCUE also encourages the MSU Library to advertise student parking options and ASMSU Safe Ride and to work with relevant stakeholders towards expanding Statewalk or similar services."

Roundtable

There were no items reported during Roundtable.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Frechen.