

**Undergraduate Curriculum Council (UCC)**

**October 31, 2024 – for 2025-26 catalog**

**Volume XXXV, Meeting 8 (26-08)**

**MINUTES - *Approved by Curriculum Council on November 14, 2024; Accepted by Faculty Senate on December 9, 2024 EXCEPT for Proposal #56 remanded for faculty vote; Accepted without exception by Academic Affairs on December 3, 2024***

**A. PRELIMINARIES**

Attendance:

Members: Ben Bolin, Jona Jacobson, Jessica Winston, Bob Houghton, Ajit Bhattarai, Randa Kress, Sherry Adams, Wesley Usyak, Mona Doan, Camille Biorn, Crystal Kanderis Lane, Erin Berry, YuJin Kwon  
Ex-Officio: Ivory Fort, Maren Bullock, Tiffany Mitchell, Cindy Hill  
Admin. Asst.:  
Guest: Amanda Zink (Faculty Senate)  
Excused: Catherine Read

1. Announcements: Happy Halloween, everyone!
2. Council unanimously **approved** the Minutes for [October 24, 2024](#) ‘virtual’ meeting.
3. Report from the Executive Committee:  
Met yesterday to finalize today’s agenda. Proposals are slowly coming in. UCC might need to meet the week after Thanksgiving to finish up the work for this catalog cycle. UCC will likely not meet the first few weeks of the Spring semester to allow time for finishing this 2025-26 catalog cycle and preparing for the new cycle. Wesley reminded UCC members to keep working with their POs to finish and submit their proposals.
4. Information from Academic Affairs:
5. Current Subcommittee Activities:
  - a. General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) update - nothing to report
  - b. BAS Committee update: has not met, no proposed degree plans to consider yet.
  - c. Catalog Format Review Subcommittee update: none
6. Information from the Chair: none
7. Information from the Faculty Senate and other Councils:  
Fred Giesler has stepped down as Faculty Senate chair, and vice chair Amanda Zink will take over the Chair position, effective tomorrow.
8. Other related information or questions: none

**B. INFORMATION ITEMS -- none this week**

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR – none this week**

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

### Curriculum, Course, and Program Change Proposals:

1. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #23](#) from COSE **Mathematics & Statistics** to create new MATH 2299 course, change MATH 1108P from 3 to 5 credits, add ESET 1140 as pre-requisite option to lower division Math courses, and minor changes to curricula for Minors and BS degrees in Applied Math and in Statistics. *May require notifying NWCCU and their approval of the curricular changes.*
2. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #41](#) from COE **Teaching & Educational Studies** to create a new 20-credit Teaching Endorsement in Early Literacy, minor course changes, reactivate EDUC 4426 and create new courses EDUC 4414 and EDUC 4433 for the endorsement. *Changes affect Grad Catalog. Requires submission to OSBE following their new process for new Teaching Endorsements.*
3. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #50](#) from CAL **Global Studies** to change GLOBL 4493 from 4 to 3 credits, add interdisciplinary electives to Global Studies majors and minor, add new concentration and update titles of existing concentrations. *Requires Letter of Notification notifying OSBE, and NWCCU approval of the concentration and curricular changes.*
4. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #51](#) from COE **Teaching & Educational Studies** to update electives for the 20-credit and 30-credit Teaching Endorsements in Social Studies. *Contingent upon approval of [Proposal #46](#) creating the new HIST 4470 course. May require notifying OSBE of the Teaching Endorsement curricular updates.*
5. Council **approved** with one abstention [Proposal #56](#) from **College of Science & Engineering** to create a new, general A.S. in Science open to students in all Science & Engineering programs, pending impact tables in Part D are completed, providing more support for Fort Hall Tribal and non-Tribal students to earn an associate's degree, thereby qualifying for higher-paying employment. *Requires OSBE and NWCCU approval of State Proposal #2024-xx for the new degree.*
6. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #57](#) from COH **Emergency Services** to change course titles for EMS 3300, EMS 3335, and FSA 3335 to align with the national Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education curriculum, and to delete ANTH 4406 from the electives for the BS Health Science: EMS concentration, **pending Proposal #20 is approved.** *Contingent upon approval of [Proposal #20](#) deleting ANTH 4406 from the catalog.*

**State Proposals for Endorsement:** none this week

**Other Business:** none this week

**E. "PARKING LOT" – proposals and other items awaiting resolution:** none this week

1. [Proposal #27](#) from CAL **Anthropology and Languages** to increase repeatability credits allowed from 3 to 6 for SPAN 4493, SPAN 4494, and SPAN 4495. *Changes affect Graduate Catalog.*
2. [Proposal #32](#) from CAL and Student Success Center **University Honors Program** to create a new 9-credit Certificate in Civic Engagement open to students in the Honors program and participating as a mentored volunteer in a chosen partner organization. *Requires Letter of Notification [#2024-LON-08](#) notifying OSBE, and NWCCU approval of the new certificate.*

**F. NEW BUSINESS:** Please continue working with POs to complete and submit their proposals.

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1. [Proposal #30](#) from COH **Occupational Therapy** to update courses, create new courses, and modify curriculum for BS in Health Sciences: Pre-Occupational Therapy concentration to align with their accreditor's mandate to streamline the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program from 3 years to 2 years. *Changes affect Grad catalog, and were approved by Graduate Council. Contingent upon approval of [Proposal #20](#), deleting ANTH 4406 from the catalog. Requires OSBE, and NWCCU approval of Letter of Notification #2024-LON-xx to streamline MOT program to 2 years.*
2. [Proposal #42](#) from CAL **Anthropology & Languages** to create an Accelerated BA/MA in Spanish. *Requires Grad Council approval of the Accelerated BA to MA pathway.*
3. [Proposal #44](#) from COE **Teaching & Educational Studies** for minor pre-requisite changes and curriculum updates to the 20-credit and 30-credit Teaching Endorsements in English. *May require notifying OSBE of the Teaching Endorsement changes.*
4. [Proposal #55](#) from COSE **Geosciences** for course and curriculum updates to for the Geoscience programs, and to add Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's 4+1 programs. *Changes affect Graduate Catalog. Requires Grad Council approval of the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's pathways. Requires Letter of Notification notifying OSBE, and NWCCU approval of the concentration and curricular changes.*

**State Proposals for Endorsement:**

1. State Proposal #2024-xx AS in Science (corresponds to [Proposal #56](#))

**Other Business:** none this week

**G. FUTURE BUSINESS:**

1. Sent to Catalog Format Subcommittee for investigation and recommendation: standardize catalog in regards to experimental courses; every subject code needs a lower division and upper division experimental course. Should it be a 1000 and 4000 level, or a 2000 and 3000 level pairing? Or an experimental course at each level? Grading question too: Letter, S/U, or allow flexibility depending on course and instructor needs?

[Experimental Course Spreadsheet](#) prepared by Ivory Fort

**H. ADJOURNMENT: 3:36 p.m.**



**APPENDICES**

**ACTIONS APPROVED, ACCEPTED, or ENDORSED:** none this week

**CURRICULUM PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

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