

**Undergraduate Curriculum Council (UCC)**

**November 14, 2024 – for 2025-26 catalog**

**Volume XXXV, Meeting 9 (26-09)**

**MINUTES - *Approved by Curriculum Council on November 22, 2024 via email vote; Accepted by Faculty Senate on December 9, 2024; Accepted by Academic Affairs on December 3, 2024***

**A. PRELIMINARIES**

Attendance:

Members: Ben Bolin, Jona Jacobson, Jessica Winston, Bob Houghton, Ajit Bhattarai, Randa Kress, Wesley Usyak, Mona Doan, Camille Biorn, Crystal Kanderis Lane, Erin Berry  
Ex-Officio: Ivory Fort, Maren Bullock, Buck Benson, Tiffany Mitchell, Cindy Hill  
Admin. Asst.:  
Guest: none  
Excused: Sherry Adams, YuJin Kwon; Catherine Read

1. Announcements: none
2. Council unanimously approved UCC's Minutes for [October 31, 2024](#)
3. Report from the Executive Committee: None
4. Information from Academic Affairs:  
The NWCCU Mid-Cycle Peer Evaluation Report has been sent to ISU and will be shared with UCC within the next several weeks.
5. Current Subcommittee Activities:
  - a. General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) update
    - i. Council unanimously **accepted** GERC Minutes for [October 22, 2024](#)
  - b. BAS Committee update: none this week
  - c. Catalog Format Review Subcommittee update: none
6. Information from the Chair: none
7. Information from the Faculty Senate and other Councils: none
8. Other related information or questions: none

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

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR – *approved by UCC Executive Committee for quick approval by UCC:***

Council unanimously **approved** all items in the Consent Calendar:

1. Council unanimously **approved** [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. Council unanimously **approved** [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. Council unanimously **approved** [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. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #55](#) from COSE **Geosciences** for course and curriculum updates for the Geoscience programs *pending no concerns from Geosciences*, 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.*

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none this week; proposals were moved to the Consent Calendar

**Curriculum, Course, and Program Change Proposals:** none this week

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

**Other Business:** none this week

**E. "PARKING LOT" – proposals and other items awaiting resolution:**

1. Council unanimously **approved** [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:**

Motion to look at Proposals #39 and #65: carried unanimously.

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

1. [Proposal #3](#) from COT **Technical Department** to add Physics as a Gen Ed requirement to the ITC in Basic Electronics and the AAS in Robotics & Communications Systems Engineering Technology, and require completion of the AAS before completing the BAS in Robotics Engineering Technology.
2. [Proposal #13](#) from COT **Energy Systems & Technology Education Center (ESTEC)** to create a new BAS in Nuclear Engineering Technology Management. *Requires OSBE and NWCCU approval of State Proposal #2024-xx for the new BAS degree.*
3. [Proposal #16](#) from CAL **Political Science** for course updates and to create Accelerated BA to MA in Political Science, and Accelerated BA/BS in Political Science to MPA (Master of Public Administration). *Requires Grad Council approval of Accelerated programs. May require notifying OSBE and NWCCU.*

4. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #39](#) from COH **Dental Hygiene** to update the course title and description for DENT 4424.
5. [Proposal #61](#) from CAL **English & Philosophy** for minor course and curricular updates, new course ENGL 4403, and to create new Certificate in Linguistics. *Changes affect Grad catalog. Contingent upon approval of [Proposal #20](#). Requires Letter of Notification #[2024-LON-xx](#) notifying OSBE, and NWCCU approval of the new certificate.*
6. Council unanimously **approved** [Proposal #65](#) from COH **Emergency Services** to reduce PARM 2211 from 3 to 2 credits *pending library impact*, which reduces total credits for A.S and Certificate in Paramedic Science. *Requires notifying OSBE, and NWCCU approval of the program credit reductions.*

#### **State Proposals for Endorsement:**

1. [2024-xx COT BAS Nuclear Engineering Technology Management](#) Corresponds to [Proposal #13](#).
2. 2024-xx AS in Science Corresponds to [Proposal #56](#).
3. [2024-LON-xx Request: CAL Linguistics Certificate \(12 credits\)](#) Corresponds to [Proposal #61](#).

**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: 4:30 p.m.**

## **APPENDICES**

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

#### **CURRICULUM PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

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