

MINUTES
Undergraduate Council
March 16, 2021

The Undergraduate Council met via video conference at 1:40 p.m. Members participating included: Kurt Boniecki (chair), Carl Frederickson, Debbie Dailey, Shawn Charlton, Suzanne Johnston, Alex Chen, Shreya Gopal, Kerry Jordan, David Kim, Ed Powers, Terry Johnson, Kristen Dooley, Jennie Case, Art Gillaspay, Jim Downey, Jayme Millsap Stone and Becky Rasnick (NV)

Members absent: Susan Perry, Bernard Chen, and Taylor Umbarger

Guests: Janet Filer (ELSE), Bryan Massey (ART), Louis Young (MUS) and Jacob Held

Action Items:

1. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Office of the Provost to revise the **Grade Forgiveness and Grade Averaging policies**. Dr. Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
2. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of three proposals from the Department of Art and Design for new courses **ART 3357 Emergent Art** and **ART 3358 Interactivity** and to add them to the BFA list of level two studio courses as “Category C” electives and to the UCA Core as upper-division courses for Critical Inquiry and Effective Communication. Dr. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
3. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of two proposals from the Department of Elementary, Literacy and Special Education to add **EDUC 2330** or **SOC 2325** as required courses in both the K-6 and Special Education majors. Dr. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
4. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of two proposals from the Department of Health Sciences / Addictions Studies for new course **HSC 4380 Research Methods for Health Science**, to add the course as a requirement in the major and to remove required courses PSYC 3332 and SOC 3320 from the major. Dr. Charlton seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
5. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Physics and Astronomy / BS in Physics for new course **PHYS 1301 Introduction to Physics**. Dr. Powers seconded the motion. Motion passed, 14 in favor and 1 abstention.

6. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of four proposals from the **Department of Physics and Astronomy / BS in Physics**:
- i) Physics Track to add PHYS 1301 as a required course and to **remove required course CSCI 1340** and to change the total **credit hours from 46 to 49**.
 - ii) Physical Science Track to change the total required **credit hours from 43 to 46** and to add new course PHYS 1301 as a requirement to the major.
 - iii) Biological Physics Track to change the total required **credit hours from 61 to 60** and to add new course PHYS 1301 as a requirement to the major.
 - iv) Chemical Physics Track to change the total required **credit hours from 62 to 61**, to add new course PHYS 1301 as a requirement to the major and to **remove CHEM 3411 as a requirement**.

Dr. Powers seconded the motion. Motion passed, 14 in favor and 1 abstention.

7. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Computer Science / Computer Engineering to remove prerequisite course PHYS 1442 and CSCI 1470 **from ENGR 3301**. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
8. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Biology / Environment Science / Biology Track to **add BIOL 4460 and to remove BIOL 4428** from the list of course offerings. Dr. Dooley seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
9. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Biology to **add "ACT composite score of 21 OR BIOL 1400 (or 1401 or 1402) with a grade of C or higher" as a prerequisite to BIOL 1410**. Dr. Powers seconded the proposal. Discussion ensued. Because our current admission criteria allow students with at least a 3.0 high school GPA to be admitted without ACT scores, members questioned the impact of this proposal on students who do not submit ACT scores. Members noted that those students could seek permission from the Chair of the Department of Biology. Members were also concerned about the inequitable impact of an ACT prerequisite. Such a prerequisite could delay students from getting into nursing school and may create a social, economic, and racial disparity in nursing enrollment. However, members noted that a letter from Dr. Susan Gatto, Director of the School of Nursing, supported the proposal. Motion passed, 9 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions.
10. Dr. Case, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a 18 proposals from the Department of Music for **a new Bachelor of Music concentration in Jazz and Studio Music and (17) new courses: MUS 1234 Jazz Fundamentals, MUSE**

2108 Small Jazz Ensemble, **MUSE 2114** Vocal Jazz Ensemble, **MUS 2135** Beginning Jazz Piano, **MUS 2136** Intermediate Jazz Piano, **MUS 2240** Improvisation I, **MUS 2420** Beginning Jazz Theory and Transcription, **MUS 2421** Intermediate Jazz Theory and Transcription, **MUS 3220** Live Sound and Recording Technology, **MUS 3235** Jazz Arranging, **MUS 3240** Instrumental Improvisation II, **MUS 3241** Vocal Improvisation II, **MUSE 4108** Small Jazz Ensemble, **MUSE 4114** Vocal Jazz Ensemble, **MUS 4240** Jazz Pedagogy, **MUS 4241** Vocal Jazz Pedagogy, and **MUSA 4V60** Jazz Applied. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Information Items:

1. From Music: nonsubstantive editorial change of course description for MUS 4690 and MUS 4691.
2. From the School of Communication / Writing / Professional Writing: add WRTG 3315 to the list of elective courses.
3. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisites COMM 2308 and PRLS 3305 from PRLS 4316.
4. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisites COMM 2308 and PRLS 3305 from PRLS 4312.
5. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisites COMM 2308 and PRLS 3305 from PRLS 4310.
6. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisites COMM 2308 and PRLS 3305 from PRLS 4308.
7. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisite COMM 2308 from PRLS 4305.
8. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisite COMM 2308 from PRLS 3305.
9. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: remove prerequisite COMM 2308 from PRLS 4V80.
10. From the School of Communication / Public Relations: add prerequisite WRTG 3305 to PRLS 3V21.

11. From Biology: add BIOL 3370 to the list of elective courses and change the course title from Intro to Neuroscience to Principles of Neuroscience.
12. From Biology: change course title for BIOL 4320 from Neurodevelopment and Pathology to Human Neuroscience Methods and add BIOL 3370 (C or better) as a prerequisite.
13. From Computer Science / Computer Engineering: add prerequisite CSCI 2330 and remove "at least sophomore standing" for ENGR 3415.
14. From Biology: remove courses BIOL 1305 and BIOL 4412 from the Bulletin.
15. From Biology: remove course BIOL 4428 from the list of electives and from the Bulletin.
16. From Student Transitions: remove UNIV 1301 from the Bulletin.
17. From Student Transitions: remove UNIV 1330 from the Bulletin.
18. From Student Transitions: remove UNIV 0331 from the Bulletin.
19. From Student Transitions: remove UNIV 0332 from the Bulletin.
20. From Student Transitions: remove UNIV 0333 from the Bulletin.
21. From Student Transitions: nonsubstantive editorial change of course description for UNIV 0360.
22. From Student Transitions: nonsubstantive editorial change of course description for UNIV 0390.
23. From Physics and Astronomy / BS Physics / Physics Track: nonsubstantive changes to clarify major and related courses.
24. From Physics and Astronomy / BS in Physics / Physical Science Track: nonsubstantive changes to clarify major and related courses.
25. From Physics and Astronomy / BS Physics / Biological Physics Track: nonsubstantive changes to clarify major and related courses.
26. From Physics and Astronomy / BS Physics / Chemical Physics Track: nonsubstantive changes to clarify the major and related courses.

Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,

Dr. Debbie Dailey