

# College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS)

## Curriculum and Assessment Committee

### Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2022, 2:00pm

**Committee Members Present:** Mark Mullenbach (Chair); Glen Jellenik (English); John Gale (Film, Theater, and Creative Writing); Zach Smith (History); Lynn Burley (Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures); Louis Young (Music); Jesse Butler (Philosophy and Religion); Kisha Hardwick (Political Science); Dylan McLemore (School of Communication); Duncan McKinnon (Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology); and Ray Ogar (Art and Design).

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call – 2:00pm.**

**II. Approval of minutes from last meeting (December 3, 2021)** – Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. There was no discussion. Motive was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent.

### **III. Announcements**

- The schedule of committee meetings this academic year includes the following regular meetings (2:00pm) – Friday, October 1, 2021; Friday, November 5, 2021; Friday, December 3, 2021; Friday, February 4, 2022; Friday, March 4, 2022; and Friday, April 1, 2022.

### **IV. New Curriculum Proposals**

#### **Department of Music**

- **Curriculum Form U2-I (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Information Item)** – Proposal to make a non-substantive change to the course description for MUS 3220, Form & Analysis. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**

#### **Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures**

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to (1) add a “Related Course Requirement” for the Linguistics minor; (2) increase the required credit hours for the Linguistics minor from 18 to 21 hours; and (3) reconfigure the required and elective courses in the Linguistics minor. The number of credit hours corresponding to required courses will be decreased from 15 to 12 hours. The number of credit hours

corresponding to elective courses will be increased from three credit hours to nine credit hours. In addition, two courses currently listed as elective courses, LING 4360 (Historical Linguistics) and PHIL 4330 (Philosophy of Language), will be removed from the list of elective courses and one course, LING 3305 (Morphology), will be added to the list of elective courses. Regarding PHIL 4330, it will be cross-listed with LING 4355 (Special Topics-Philosophy of Language), when it is offered by the Department of Philosophy & Religion every other year. See statement from the chair of the Department of Philosophy & Religion. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to add a “Related Course Requirement” for the BA degree in Linguistics, including two options: (a) any CHIN, FREN, GERM, JAPN, and SPAN course at the 2000-level or higher; or (b) courses in two different languages where one language must be Japanese or Chinese. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to add a “Related Course Requirement” for the TESOL minor. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to (1) delete CSD 2322 (Applied Phonetics) from the list of elective courses in the TESOL minor -- see statement from the chair of the Department of Communication Science Disorders; (2) delete WLAN 4315 (Methods of Teaching Second and Foreign Languages) from the list of required courses in the TESOL minor and replace with LING 4361 (Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages); and (3) move WLAN 4330 (Second Language Acquisition) from an elective course to a required course. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-I (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Information Item)** – Proposal to remove LING 2350 (World Languages) from the list of electives in the TESOL minor and change LING 4320 (Grammatical Structures of English) from a required course to an elective course. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**

- **Curriculum Form U2-I (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Information Item)** – Proposal to change language in the Undergraduate Bulletin to reflect that LING 3305 (Morphology) will be added to the list of electives in the Linguistics minor. This information item also includes changes in the Undergraduate Bulletin to reflect changes to the Linguistics minor proposed in separate Action Items. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**

### Department of Art and Design

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to (1) increase the “Supporting Requirements” for the BA/BS in Interior Design from six credit hours to nine credit hours; and (2) replace the two courses (ART 1310 and ART 2312) that are currently listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin under “Supporting Requirements” for the BA/BS in Interior Design with three ART courses (ART 1220, ART 1230, and ART 1280) and two new Interior Design courses (IDSN 2212 and IDSN 2115). **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 9-0-0. One member was absent for the vote.**

### Department of Film, Theatre, and Creative Writing

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to increase the total credit hour requirement in the Theatre major from 43 to 49 hours by increasing the number of elective hours from 9 to 15 hours. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to remove the Related Course Requirement (foreign language) from the Theatre major. See memo from the chair of the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. There was discussion regarding whether or not the current university policy permitted departments to entirely remove or eliminate the related course requirement. Motion was approved 6-0-4.**

### School of Communication

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to (1) change the name of the Writing major to Writing, Rhetoric, and Information Design; (2) change the names of the Professional Writing track and Professional Writing minor to Technical and Professional Writing; and (3) change the prefix name of the Writing major from WRTG to WRID. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to revise the Related Course Requirement for the BA degree in Writing, which would include completion of six hours of language (i.e., foreign language, sign language, and/or programming language) or three hours at the 2000-level in a foreign language. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. There was discussion regarding whether or not sign language and programming language were appropriate alternatives to foreign language in the related course requirement. Motion was approved 6-0-4.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to add Social Science (SS) designation to MCOM 1300 (Media and Society), a UCA Lower-Division Core course. Also, see also Curriculum Attachment A (Proposal to Add a Course to the UAC Core). **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**

### Department of Political Science

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to (1) modify the BA degree in International Studies by moving the current foreign language requirement within the major to the related course requirements category; (2) reduce the total number of required credit hours from 36 to 33 hours in the International Studies major, including core course requirements (12 hours), experiential learning requirement (3 hours), and concentration or elective course requirements (18 hours); and (3) add Related Course Requirements consisting of two 2000-level or higher courses in one foreign language for students pursuing the BA degree in International Studies. See statement from the chair of the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Suggestion was made and accepted to make it more explicit that the related course requirement is six credit hours. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to remove the three-credit hour foreign language requirement within the International Studies minor and increase the concentration or elective course requirements from 9 to 12 hours. The International Studies minor would continue to require a total of 21 credit hours, including core course requirements (9 hours) and concentration or elective course requirements (12 hours). See statement from the chair of the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**

- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to revise the BS degree in Political Science by increasing the total required credit hours from 36 to 42 and eliminating the requirement for a minor. The revised BS degree in Political Science will require completion of core courses (15 hours), experiential learning requirement (3 hours), and elective courses from five different political science subfields (24 hours). The political science subfields for the BS degree in Political Science will be the following: (a) Comparative Political Analysis; (b) Human Behavior; (c) Law and Institutions; (d) Policy and Program Analysis; and (e) Theory. **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. There was discussion about the process for eliminating a minor in a bachelor’s degree program. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**
- **Curriculum Form U2-A (Undergraduate Curriculum Change: Action Item)** – Proposal to add a Related Course Requirement for the BA degree in Political Science consisting of completion of a 2000-level or higher foreign language course (3 hours). The BA degree in Political Science will continue to require completion of a total of 36 credit hours, including completion of core courses (15 hours) and elective courses in at least four of six different political science subfield (21 hours). **Motion to approve the curriculum item was made and seconded. Motion was approved 10-0-0.**

**V. Adjournment – 4:30pm.**