

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes for the meeting of
18 December 2020

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Present: Abbotson, S. (Chair); Auger, G.; Aydogdu, M.; Burke, J.; Dixon, S.; Espinosa, D.; Griffin, A.; Hewins, D.; Masters, C. (Dean); McLaughlin, C. (Secretary); Pearlmutter, S. (For H.Tate); Sawyer, J.; Simson, E. (Dean); Weinstein, T.; Zoll, S.; Zonardo, J. (COGE)

Student Representatives: Diebold, A.

Absent: Borgerding, T., Stevenson, B. (student)

Excused: Diem, J.

Guests: Amy Barlow (Library); Lisa Bain (CSCI); Suzanne Mellow – Stark (CSCI); Namita Sarawagi (CSCI); Rebecca Sparks (MATH)

1. Call to Order: 2:04

2. Motion to approve minutes: 20 Nov 2020

Action: Approved

3. Report of the Chair

- WID progress; still no word from Records on when will be able to add “W” to the prefixes of WID courses. We have until April 5th before students begin registration for fall courses (and some groups get to register earlier than this). Provost’s office trying to help get things moving.
 1. Sue Pearlmutter talked with Tamecka Hardmon adding the “W” for WID courses. The “W” will be recorded in the RIC Catalog for the fall 2021 semester. With luck, the “W” will appear for fall registration – shooting for end of Feb. completion. The changes could occur over the summer, too. This means that the “W for WID” would be ready for spring 2022. Stay tuned.
- Lexi and Kim have fixed the catalog (errors in INGOS and FILM programs), and updated to the correct course descriptions copy on the UCC website!
 1. The PDF and the web version are now “correct” as far as we know.
- Course deletions remain in progress: (potential candidates—waiting on FAS: 64, hope to get proposal in by the next meeting)—keeping the 4 SWRK, keeping 2 SOB, deleting one SON, keeping 3 FSHED and deleting 7.
 1. Dean Simson informed us that the decisions for FAS classes will be made in February.

4. Monthly Reports

- Writing Board - (No Writing Board this year)
- COGE – For full report, go to: http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx

5. New Business

Computer Science

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-003 – 20-21-010 (Aydogdu/Zoll)

- 20-21-003 Approve the deletion of the 3 credit CSCI 101 Introduction to Computers, since it is now outmoded, and have the HSCI programs that were using this replace it with the more current 4 credit CSCI 102 Computer Fundamentals for Cyber Security; this will raise several HSCI programs by one credit.
- 20-21-004 Approve the creation of a new course CSCI 209 Discrete Structures Using Python for use in the CSCI BA and BS majors.
- 20-21-005 Approve the deletion of the 3 credit CSCI 312 Computer Organization and Architecture I and the revision of the 3 credit CSCI 313 Computer Organization and Architecture II. CSCI 313 will now be 4 credits and have a revised title, description, and prerequisites: CSCI Computer Organization and Architecture.
- 20-21-006 Approve revision to the title and description CSCI 435 Operating Systems, and add a credit.
- 20-21-007 Approve revision to the title and description CSCI 455 Introduction to Databases, and add a credit.
- 20-21-008 Approve revisions to the CSCI BA that adds CSCI 209, includes the deletion of CSCI 312 and MATH 436 and the increased credits on other courses, precludes students taking both CSCI 305 and CSCI 402 as electives, revises when CSCI 302 and 305 are offered, revises the prerequisites on CSCI 422 and 423 to accommodate CSCI 209 and removes two of the MATH recommendations. After these changes the program will be one credit smaller on the top end (49-50 instead of 49-51).
- 20-21-009 Approve revisions to the CSCI BS that adds CSCI 209, includes the deletion of CSCI 312 and the increased credits on other courses, precludes students taking both CSCI 305 and CSCI 402 as electives, and moves MATH 436 into the electives list, from which MATH 248 is also deleted. After these changes the program will be one credit smaller (74-77 instead of 75-78).
- 20-21-010 Approve revisions to the CSCI minor, to replace CSCI 312 (which is being deleted) with CSCI 157, and add that the additional course must be at least 200-level. The total will remain the same.

Discussion: #003 requests approval for the deletion of the 3 credit CSCI 101 Introduction to Computers; since it is deemed outdated. HSCI programs will replace it with the 4 credit CSCI 102 Computer Fundamentals for Cyber Security; however, this will raise Health Sciences BS Concentrations in Dental Hygiene Completion (94), Human Services (84-92), Medical Laboratory Sciences (96) and Respiratory Therapy Completion (92) by one credit as all will now require CSCI 102 Computer Fundamentals for Cyber Security which is four credits. (These are acceptable totals as each one has 16 Gen Ed. credits that double count).

#004 requests approval the creation of a new course CSCI 209 Discrete Structures Using Python for use in the CSCI BA and BS majors. Mathematics department had some concerns but these were satisfied.

#005 seeks approval for the deletion of the 3 credit CSCI 312 Computer Organization and Architecture I and revisions to the 3 credit CSCI 313 Computer Organization and Architecture II. CSCI 313 will now be 4 credits and have a revised title, description, and prerequisites. CSCI 313 Computer Organization and Architecture will combine elements from the deleted CSCI 312

#006 and **#007** request revisions to the title and description of CSCI 435 Operating Systems and CSCI 455 Introduction to Databases, and add one credit to each.

#008 seeks approval for revisions to the CSCI BA that adds CSCI 209 and deletes MATH 436, includes the deletion of CSCI 312 and the increased credits on other courses, prevents students from taking both

CSCI 305 and CSCI 402 as electives, revises when CSCI 302 and 305 are offered, revises the prerequisites for CSCI 422 and 423 to accommodate CSCI 209 (though keeps MATH 436 as an alternative prerequisite. for any MATH students who may be pursuing a CSCI minor), and removes two of the MATH recommendations for the overall program. After these changes the program will be reduced by one credit on the upper total (49-50 instead of 49-51).

#009 seeks approval for revisions to the CSCI BS, (these revisions mirror the request for revisions to the BA, providing continuity to each degree.) adding CSCI 209, deleting CSCI 312 and increasing credits on the others courses, preventing students from taking both CSCI 305 and CSCI 402 as electives, and transferring MATH 436 into the electives list, MATH 248 is also deleted. Once these revisions are accepted the program will be one credit smaller (74-77 instead of 75-78).

#010 requests approval for revisions to the CSCI minor, replacing CSCI 312 (which is being deleted) with CSCI 157, and add to minor description that the additional course must be at least 200-level. The total credits will remain the same.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Early Childhood Education

Motion to Approve: 20-21-012 (Hewins/Sawyer)

- 20-21-012 Approve a change to the admission requirements of the ECED Birth to Three, to add FNED 101 (and add this also to the program requirements), and add ECED 479 to the Community Programs concentration, for which the course will also need a revised title. Both programs will raise in total credits: Birth to Three from 58 to 60, and Community Programs from 71 to 74. They originally requested that this might be made effective beginning Spring 2021, but on later reflectiin withdraw this request prior to final approvals.

Discussion: #012 requests approval for a change to the admission requirements of the ECED Birth-Three Concentration; the addition of FNED 101 to the concentration, and add ECED 479 to the Community Programs Concentration. These additions will raise concentration credits for B-3 to 60 cr. (formerly 58), and Community Programs to 74 cr. (formerly 71 cr.) Credit creep remains a concern but these requests allow for better consistency between the programs and does strengthen them.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Health and Physical Education

Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-013 – 20-21-016 (Hewins/Diebold)

- 20-21-013 Approve the deletions of HPE 247 Rhythmic Movement and HPE 404 School Health and Physical Education Leadership as these are no longer required in any HPE programs, and they will also be removed from the lengthy required elective list of the Wellness and Exercise science program (plenty more options). HPE 404 will also need to be deleted as an elective in the M.Ed Health Education program, so will also need Graduate Committee approval before it can get final approval.
- 20-21-014 Approve the revision of the title, description and prerequisite of HPE 421 Senior Lecture in Wellness and Exercise Science. Biology preqs. are being dropped though still required in the program, so BIOL has been notified.
- 20-21-015 Approve the revision of the title, description and prerequisite of HPE 427 Internship in Wellness and Exercise Science
- 20-21-016 Approve the revision of the title of HPE 430 Seminar in Wellness and Exercise Science

Discussion: #013 requests approval for the deletion of HPE 247 Rhythmic Movement and HPE 404 School Health and Physical Education Leadership from HPE programs and electives of the

Wellness and Exercise Science Program. HPE 404 will also need to be deleted as an elective in the M.Ed Health Education program. Approval from the Graduate Committee is required for this request (the proposal has been submitted and is awaiting their approval).

#014 seeks approval the revision of the title, description and prerequisite of HPE 421

Senior Lecture in Wellness and Exercise Science. The Biology prerequisites are being dropped for the course, but will remain requirements for the program (the Biology department has been notified).

#015 requests approval for the revision of the title, description and prerequisite of HPE 427

Internship in Wellness and Exercise Science.

#016 the revision of the title of HPE 430 Seminar in Wellness and Exercise Science to better reflect the current program.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Art

Motion to Approve: 20-21-017 (Espinosa/ Weinstein)

- 20-21-017 Approve the revision of ART 490 to become ART 490 Directed Study, and the creation of an honors sequence: ART 491 Independent Study I and ART 492 Independent Study II.

Discussion: #017 asks for approval for the revision of ART 490 Problems with the Visual Arts to become part of the Directed Study option, and ART 491 and 492 will be created to enable students seeking departmental honors. Revising these numbers will make the department's offerings clearer for students.

Action: Approved Unanimously

6. Any Other Business

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Motion to Approve: Revision to the UCC Manual (Zornado/Auger)

- UCC Manual needs clearer guidelines regarding time limits for final approvals for proposals from Provost and President (including OPC notifications/approval), as well as rules determining notification to the originator(s) of proposals not approved, with a timeline for a possible appeal. We also need a timetable for when Records will be able to implement changes. Suggested revisions to the Appendix II on Reporting in the UCC manual are up for discussion and approval.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn: 2:40 (McLaughlin/Committee)

Respectfully submitted by: Charlie McLaughlin