

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
14 May 2021  
2.00pm-2.15pm  
(2021-2022 UCC)

Online Zoom due to Coronavirus

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Meeting ID: 868 808 9557

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**Present:** Abbotson, S. (Chair); Basu, S.; Borgerding, T.; Burke, J.; Dixon, S.; Galvez, A.; Griffin, A.; Hewins, D. McLaughlin, C. (Secretary); Mukherjee, S.; Rawson, G.; Weinstein, T.; Zornado, J. (COGE)

**Student Representatives:**

**Absent:** Masters, C.; Simson, E.

**Excused:** Diem, J.; Zoll S.

1. Call to Order: 2:03 PM
2. Introduce new members, explain duties: Suchandra Basu, Natasha Feinberg, Anthony Galvez, Soumyadeep Mukherjee, Glenn Rawson (and congratulations to Traci and John for winning their elections). Earl and Carolyn remain as the Deans. Students—work in progress; Jacob Card is likely to take one of the seats—to be confirmed. Congratulations to Todd on his tenure and promotion. Reminder to try and use the [curriculum@ric.edu](mailto:curriculum@ric.edu) e-mail for correspondence to the chair over UCC matters. Explained the new website—what is there and what has yet to come.

***Motion to Approve Slate of Candidates:*** (Auger/Griffin)

3. Nominations to the 2021-2022 Executive Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in the categories of Chair, Secretary, and two additional members.
  - Nominations for Chair:
    - i. Susan Abbotson
    - ii. Others? None submitted.
  - Nominations for Secretary:
    - i. Charlie McLaughlin
    - ii. Others? None submitted.
  - Nominations for **two members** of the Executive Committee:
    - i. John Burke
    - ii. Todd Borgerding
    - iii. Others? None submitted.

**Action:** Slate of Candidates Unanimously Approved

4. Vote for 2020-2021 Officers of the UCC (if any seat is contested this will be an anonymous vote).

**Results:** Slate of Candidates unanimously elected to UCC Offices

Meeting Adjourned: 2:12 PM

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**Full Meeting of 14 May 2021**

2:15 PM – 4PM

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

**Student Representatives:**

**Absent:** Masters, C.; Stevenson B. (student)

**Excused:** Diebold, A.; Diem, J.; Zoll, S.;

**Guests:** P. Gullapalli, (ANTH); Knowlton, S.; Michaud, M. (Writing Board); Holly Shadoian, (AVPAA)

1. Call to order: 2:18 PM

2. Motion to Approve Minutes: 16 April 2021(Griffin/ Auger)

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

3. Report of the Chair

- Committee Membership for 2021-2022—updates (including results of the above elections for the Executive UCC—see above): Thanks to Susan Zoll, Murat Aydogdu, Jason Sawyer and to David Espinosa for their long service to UCC, especially David who has also served long time on the Executive UCC as well as Jason, too, and both have given erstwhile service. Much gratitude. Also, we are working on getting two new students (Jacob Card is likely to be one), but meantime the deepest thanks to Anthony for his lengthy service, too, and congratulations for his graduation. COGE has some turn around—thanks to Mary Baker and Jiyun Wu, for their service, Praveena Gullapalli will be replacing Mary and Sankeerth Rampa has agreed to take the SOB seat. Still need a student for this committee.
- Membership of the Writing Board remains as is, hoping to get it running again in the Fall.

- Summer activities: Academic Rhode Maps (to be compatible with new website—need to remove graphics and simplify for people to be able to use readers to access the content), Website Updates, and Catalog.

#### 4. Annual Reports:

- COGE – Report can be read on-line at: <https://www.ric.edu/documents/ge-may-2021>. Much of the work this last semester has been on getting the new Bachelor of Professional Studies general education components together.
- Student Designed Majors – Moved to the Fall
- Honors College – Report can be read on-line at: <https://www.ric.edu/documents/ch-may-2021>. Reported nearly 100 students entering during new student orientation.
- Writing Board -- Report can be read on-line at: <https://www.ric.edu/documents/wb-may-2021>.
- Transfer Minors – Moved to Fall

#### 5. Old Business

##### **WITHDRAWN**

- 20-21-038 COMM's proposal to suspend their program's concentration in Journalism due to a shortage of available faculty to teach the required courses—has been withdrawn for reconsideration until after the program review is done.

**Discussion:** Waiting for program review to be completed and then will take it up again. G. Auger was concerned that she only learned this after the decision was made and felt there was a lack of clear communication over the matter. She has concerns that program components are in the catalog, but courses cannot be offered due to small class sizes. Need time to grow a program.

#### 6. New Business

##### *Anthropology*

##### **Motion to Approve: 20-21-048** (Weinstein/Burke)

- 20-21-048 Approve the revision of the title and description of ANTH 104 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology to better reflect its focus. This is a Gen Ed. SB and COGE has approved.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

##### *History*

**Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-049 & 20-21-50** (Aydogdu/Auger)

- 20-21-049 Approve a revision to the title and description of HIST 267 Personal Memories of the World Wars to better reflect its content. This is a Gen Ed. CONN and COGE has approved.
- 20-21-050 Approve a revision to the title and description of HIST 345 Conflict, Globalization and Modern East Asia to better reflect its broadened focus, and to add the course to the electives for the Secondary Education History major from which it had been left out in error.

**Discussion:** Revisions requested were requested so that the courses better reflect current content and broader focus of the course studies.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

*Secondary Education*

**Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-051 & 20-21-59** (Espinosa/Sawyer)

- 20-21-051 Approve revisions to SED 316 Teaching Science, Technology, and Society and SED 416 Practicum in Secondary Science Education courses that were incorrectly sequenced. The courses will essentially be switched and the titles and descriptions will be updated, and a new prerequisite for the upper level of the two.

**Discussion:** This request was made to rectify a sequencing issue that occurred during the FSHED revisions for RIDE. #051 requests approval for revisions to SED 316 Teaching Science, Technology, and Society and SED 416 Practicum in Secondary Science Education. The courses will be interchanged and the titles and descriptions be updated to make their content clearer, and a new prerequisite is being created.

#059 requests approval for revisions to the new Education Studies minor by removing the FNED 101 requirement and allowing WLED 201 (4 cr.) as an alternative to SED 201 (2 cr.) and SED 202 (2 cr.). The minor is reduced to 19 credits from 21 credits.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

*Art*

**Motion to Approve: 20-21-052** (Auger/Griffin)

- 20-21-052 Approve a revision to the prerequisite of ART 324 Graphic Design II to better prepare students for its content.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

- 20-21-053 Withdrawn.

*Physical Sciences*

**Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-054 & 20-21-55** (Aydogdu/ Zonardo)

- 20-21-054 Approve the revision of the prerequisite of CHEM 106 General Organic and Biochemistry II to add CHEM 104 General Chemistry II as an

- alternate to better service prospective Nursing students for whom this course is required. This is a Gen Ed. AQR and COGE has approved.
- 20-21-055 Approve the revision of the Chemistry BA to add two more options for their required electives to offer more choice: CHEM 419 Biochemistry Mechanisms and CHEM 422 Biochemistry Lab. This will not alter any program totals.  
**Discussion:** #054 seeks approval for making CHEM 104 General Chemistry II an alternative prerequisite for CHEM 106 General Organic and Biochemistry II from CHEM105. This will make it more accessible to Nursing students for whom it is required. It is believed that CHEM 104 will adequately prepare them for CHEM 106. #055 requests approval for a revision to the Chemistry BA to add two more options for their required electives to offer more choice: CHEM 419 Biochemistry Mechanisms and CHEM 422 Biochemistry Lab. This will not alter any program credit totals.  
**Action:** Unanimously Approved

### *Early Enrollment Program*

#### **Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-056 - 20-21-58 (Aydogdu/ Sawyer)**

- 20-21-056 Approve the reinstatement of the old ART 201 Introduction to Visual Arts course that is used as an EEP in local schools and should be in the catalog for them to get credit, but also allow this to now count as a Gen Ed. Arts. (approved by COGE).
- 20-21-057 Approve revising the ENGL 118 Introduction to the Literary Experience (EEP course) to now count as a Gen Ed. Literature. (approved by COGE).
- 20-21-058 Approve revising three HIST EEP courses: HIST 117 Special Topics in History, HIST 118 Topics in U.S. History to 1877 and HIST 119 Topics in U.S. History from 1877 to Present, to now count as Gen Ed. History options. (approved by COGE). They will also move back to being 4 credit courses as they were before History moved all but its Gen Ed. courses to three credits.

### *Secondary Education*

#### **Motion to Bundle and Approve: 20-21-051 & 20-21-59 (Griffin/Sawyer)**

- 20-21-059 Approve revisions to the Educational Studies minor to remove the FNED 101 Introduction to Teaching and Learning requirement and allow WLED 201 Introduction to World Languages Education (4 credits) as an alternative to SED 201 Introduction to Lesson Planning and SED 202 Introduction to Assessment (2 credits each). This will reduce the minor from 21 to 19 total credits.  
**Action:** Unanimously Approved (see above)

## *Health and Physical Education*

### **Motion to Approve: 20-21-060** (Auger/ Sawyer)

- 20-21-060. Approve revisions to HPE 406 to change the title to Program Planning in Health Promotion and revise the prerequisites to better suit the course content.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

## 7. Any Other Business

### **UCC**

**Motion to Approve:** the proposed edits to the UCC Manual (Burke/Espinosa)

- Revisions to the UCC Manual on Departmental Honors (more accurate listings that will not need constant updates) [editorial]
- Revisions to the Forms and Information pages on the UCC website to list courses that are exempted from being deleted. [editorial]
- Approve revisions to the UCC proposal form to add in sections on WID and Web impact.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

- UCC 2+2 assignment, see details below (final reports for this academic year—[please supply contact names, if possible, for those working on 2+2s, so that they might be invited to join the transfer articulation discussion with CCRI](#)):

**Follow up on the proposal regarding 2+2 plans between RIC and CCRI:**

**Which departments have been contacted, and which responded? Any existing 2+2 plans confirmed? Any new developments? Etc. NOTE: ALL DEPARTMENT CHAIRS SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON DISCUSSIONS. REGARDING TRANSFER.**

Notes in **RED** from March. Additional notes from April are in **GREEN**. MAY NOTES IN **PURPLE**

Auger: Art (**need to reach—NO CONTACT**); Communication (P) (**double-check still current**); Film Studies (**are working on one**).

Borgerding: Music (**discussed--needed guidance to assess CCRI courses and what kind of audition/minimum grades/proficiency can require**); Theatre (**email sent not heard back**) **maybe doable for the General Theater concentration but not the others**; and Dance (**email sent not heard back**) **not practical. NOTHING FURTHER.**

Abbotson: English (contacted and responded; looking into the possibility, especially of the Professional Writing Concentration); Modern Languages (contacted and responded, will work on something); Liberal Studies (contacted; does not work for this program); Africana Studies (contacted; have got in touch with Holly to work something out). No further progress—ENGL, MLAN and AFRI all working on plans. WORK CONTINUES, BUT WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE COMPLETION

Espinosa: History (contacted; ARE WORKING ON ONE); Philosophy (GLENN RAWSON IS LOOKING INTO IT; need to reach); Global Studies (contacted; ARE WORKING ON ONE); Gender and Women's Studies (contacted; UNLIKELY GIVEN THE CROSS DISCIPLINARY NATURE OF THE PROGRAM)

Weinstein: Psychology (P) (needed guidance, concerns regarding staffing; ARE WORKING ON ONE); Anthropology (have made one while ago but waiting to hear back from Holly); Environmental Studies (P) (needed guidance; ARE WORKING ON ONE); Chemical Dependency/Addiction (did create one but not submitted as concerns regarding staffing)

Dixon: Political Science (contacted); Geography(contacted); Public Admin (P) (contacted); Sociology (P) (contacted); Justice Studies (P) (contacted) NOTHING FURTHER.

Hewins: Biology (P—BA&BS) (up to date); Health Sciences (P) (working on adding more, including some in MEDI); Physics and Chemistry (Started drafting, put on hold but will return). There are some concerns regarding the difference in lab experience between the schools. NOTHING FURTHER.

Burke: Computer Science (LISA BAIN looking into this); plan is being created and hope to be finalized by end of May Computer Information Systems (P) (check to see if still current); Math and Data Science (MARK MEDWIG looking into this AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION MEETINGS); plans for both are in progress and hope to be finalized by the Fall.

McLaughlin (YDEV possibility ARE WORKING ON ONE; not TECH), Sawyer (Exercise Science and CPHP possibilities; ARE WORKING ON THESE), Zoll (ECED possibilities).

Aydogdu: Accounting (P) (checked and okay); Finance (P) and Economics (P) (email sent not heard back; HEARD FROM ECONOMICS--WONDERING WHY THE CURRENT ONE FOR ECONOMICS INCLUDES A COMM MINOR); HCA (P) (checked and okay); Management (P) and Marketing (P) (email sent not heard back); they say they have a 2+2 only for Marketing, nothing for Management (though there is one on the RIC website for Business Management): <http://www.ric.edu/CCRItoric/documents/Program-Transfer-Plan-for-Management.pdf>

Diem: Social Work (P) (need to check but have been working closely with CCRI on transfers). NOTHING FURTHER.

Motion to Adjourn. 3: 30 EDT (Zornado/Abbotson)

Submitted by Charlie McLaughlin – UCC Secretary