

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes for the Meeting of
20 November 2020
Online Zoom due to Coronavirus

Present: Abbotson, S. (Chair); Aydogdu, M.; Borgerding, T.; Burke, J.; Diem, J.; Griffin, A.; Hewins, D.; Masters, C. (Dean); McLaughlin, C. (Secretary); Sawyer, J.; Simson, E. (Dean); Weinstein, T.; Zoll, S.; Zonardo, J. (COGE)

Student Representatives: Diebold, A.

Absent: Dixon, S., B. Stevenson (student rep)

Excused: Auger, G.; Masters, C; Pearlmutter, S.

Guests: Amy Barlow (Library)

1. Call to Order: 2:03
2. Motion to Approve the Minutes of 16 Oct 2020 (Sawyer/ Aydogdu)
Action: Approved – 2 abstentions
3. Report of the Chair
 - Lexi is working on getting catalog fixed as more errors surface—she has got the UCC documents page up to date (including processing the May documents that had been held up).
 - WID progress; no word from Records on when will be able to add “W” to the prefixes of WID courses, but they have been crazy busy.
 - Course deletions remain in progress: (potential candidates--FAS: 64; SOB 2)—keeping the 4 SWRK, deleting one SON, keeping 3 FSHED and deleting 7). Hope to have completed for Dec. Murat Aydogdu will check on the SOB ones.
 - General Education website has made some useful updates, and Silvia Oliveira is replacing Chiara Falangola as the Second Languages rep (as Chiara is leaving RIC end of the year). Elisa Miller will replace David Espinosa.
 - N.B. The word file for course descriptions in the catalog, section 8, is not the current form. Hope for a fix by December meeting.
4. Monthly Reports (No Writing Board this year)
 - COGE – Complete report can be found at:
http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx
 - Letter of inquiry being prepared for Teagle Foundation to improve general Education programs
 - Revising Gen Ed learning outcomes – Survey to follow in the spring

5. New Business

Sociology

- **Motion to Approve:** 20-21-002 (Weinstein/Espinosa)
- 20-21-002 Approve revising the title of SOC 315 to become SOC 315 Service Learning in the Community.

Discussion: #002 requests approval for the revision of the title of SOC 315 from Community, to become SOC 315 Service Learning in the Community, to better indicate its experiential focus.

Action: Unanimously Approved

Gender Studies

- **Motion to Approve:** 20-21-011 (Espinosa/Diem)
- 20-21-011 Approve adding GEND 352 Feminist Theory to the required electives list for the Queer Studies minor. Does not affect total credits.

Discussion: #011 requests the approval of the addition of GEND 352 as a required elective in the recently created Queer Studies minor (it was left out by error). This does not affect the total credit count. (Fall

Action: Unanimously Approved

6. Any Other Business

UCC

Motion to Approve: (Hewins/Espinosa)

- Approve a revision to the UCC Manual to reflect the recent split between Math and CSCI into separate departments. Both will now be able to nominate their own candidate for a seat on the UCC.

Action: Unanimously Approved

- Concerns have been voiced regarding the creation of a working definition of an “Academic Mission Critical” for the college, but unsure under whose purview this would be. Discussion ensued. What might Academic Mission Critical (AMC) mean, who should be defining this (one would assume primarily faculty), and how might this definition affect decisions going forward?
- It was noted that Curriculum should be developed to get students graduated in a timely fashion – meaning courses need to run. They can be revisited later.
- Who would create a definition? UCC generally feels that this issue may be beyond the role of UCC. Might this be more of a resource issue? Council seems the logical place to look for guidance.

7. **Motion to adjourn:** McLaughlin and Committee – 2:36

Respectfully submitted by: Charlie McLaughlin