

# L&S College Curriculum Committee MINUTES

April 1, 2021

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**Voting members present:** Paul Adogamhe, Louis Betty, Ellen Davis, Ted Gimbel, Paul Gregory, David Havas, Sarah Hessenauer, Paul House, Nathan McGovern, Zach Oster, Adam Paddock, Narendra Regmi, Martin Tchernookov, Jeff Zimmerman, Mark Lencho, Deanna Guthrie, Wesley Hough, Chloe Van Sistine, Jessica Kienbaum

**Voting members absent:** Ashley Barnes-Gilbert

**Non-voting members present:** Chair, Liz Hachten, Deb Connelly, Annie LaValley, Susan Johnson, Secretary, Mary Pratt

**Non-voting members absent:**

## A. Approval of March 11, 2021 Minutes

1. Motion by Jeff Zimmerman, seconded by Wesley Hough. Motion carried. Deanna Guthrie abstained.

## B. Announcements

1. Angela Harlan will be Chair of this committee starting in Fall 2021
2. We have two more meetings in April.

## C. Biology

1. New Course [BIOLOGY 215: EXPLORING ECOLOGICAL ISSUES IN SOCIETY](#)
  - a. Ellen Davis moved approval of C1, seconded by Paul House. Ellen explained the proposal. Requested by CoEPS. This course is Biology 214 plus a lab.
  - b. Edit to indicate that Bio 214 would be an unrequ to Bio 215
  - c. Ellen-Concerned about syllabus not looking complete. Liz and Jeff will take a look at this.
  - d. Vote-all approved, motion passed.
2. New Course [BIOLOGY 380: VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY](#)
  - a. Ellen Davis moved approval of item C2, seconded by Ted Gimbel. Ellen explained the course. This is intended to always be a summer course online, so it will not affect the current teaching load.
  - b. Wesley Hough-Is it redundant to include Biology 142 and 141? No, this is generally used as a transfer course.
  - c. Vote-no opposition, all approved, motion passed.
3. Course Change [BIOLOGY 430: ANIMAL BEHAVIOR](#)
  - a. Ellen Davis moved to approved item C3, seconded by Zach Oster. Ellen explained the course.
  - b. Wesley Hough-Question about Statistics-Do students just take one stats course, or one of the three listed? Ellen-It has never been the case that a student would take a stats course that's not listed here, due to course requirements.
  - c. Vote-motion passed unanimously

## D. Geography, Geology, and Environmental Science

1. Course Change [GEOGRPY 120: GLOBAL CLIMATE SYSTEMS](#)
  - a. Jeff Zimmerman moved approval of D1, seconded by Paul House. Jeff explained the proposal. One concern in December was that both syllabi were not there. Lab hours were not specified. Does this leave a gap in curriculum-no longer meteorology or climate change class? There needs to be a statement on the syllabus explaining to students that they cannot get credit for the course twice.
  - b. Wesley Hough-clarification for co-requisite. Liz will consult with Angela Harlan and edit the co-req statement to capture the proposer intent.
  - c. Need an updated syllabus to include mandatory reporter statement.
  - d. Vote-none opposed. Motion passed.
  
2. Course Change [GEOGRPY 452: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT GEOGRAPHY](#)
  - a. Jeff Zimmerman motioned, seconded by Zach Oster to approve D2. Jeff explained the course.
  - b. Ellen Davis-Biology 214 is one of the prereqs. Do we also want Biology 257? Jeff asked Eric Compas and the answer is no since Biology 257 does not cover the human environment interaction.
  - c. Vote- motion passed.
  
3. Course Change [GEOGRPY 492: FIELD COURSE](#)
  - a. Jeff Zimmerman moved to accept D3, seconded by Ellen Davis. Jeff explained the course change to reduce the credit range. This will capture smaller field experiences, providing more options for scheduling the course with fewer instructors.
  - b. Course description section will be edited to remove sentence about contacting department for details.
  - c. Vote-all approved, motion passed.
  
4. New Course [GEOLOGY 214: EARTH'S ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY](#)
  - a. Jeff Zimmerman moved to accept D4, seconded by Adam Paddock. Jeff explained the proposal. This course will ultimately Geology 204.
  - b. Liz-There are no unrequ's listed.
  - c. David-grade basis-Liz-this was changed to "student option" earlier today.
  - d. Liz-Please remember if there are no corequ's or prerequ;sm do Not Put N/A. WINS would read this as a course and will look for it. If there is no prerequ or corequ, please leave this BLANK to work with WINS.
  - e. Liz-make Geology 204 an unrequ to this course. Would need to confirm with others in the department.
  - f. Ellen-Confusion if this is GN or GL in several places. Also, the Mandatory Reporter statement is missing. We will wait for a corrected syllabus from Rex.
  - g. Vote-motion passed
  
5. Course Change [GEOLOGY 317: PALEONTOLOGY](#)
  - a. Jeff Zimmerman moved to approve D5, seconded by Ted Gimbel. Jeff explained the course change. Credit would change from 3 credits to 4. This is not currently

- a lab course, but is becoming a lab course. Liz corrected the “and’ to “or” on the proposal earlier today.
- b. Jeff will check with Rex to see if 214 needs to be listed in the prereqs.
- c. Wesley Hough-Question about this needing a new course number. Liz-This is not a gened course--changing courses to lab that are not a gened does not require a new course number.
- d. Ellen Davis-The revised syllabus needed to remove mention of Biology cross-listing and include mandatory reporter statement.
- e. Vote-motion passed

#### **E. Languages and Literatures**

1. Course Change [ENGLISH 330: MANUSCRIPT EDITING](#)
2. Course Change [ENGLISH 366: TOPICS IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING](#)
  - a. Mark Lencho moved to accept E1 & 2, seconded by Louis Betty. Mark explained the course
  - b. Vote-motion passed.
3. Course Change [ENGLISH 372: TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING](#)
4. Course Change [ENGLISH 572: TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING](#)
  - a. Mark Lencho moved approval of E3&4, seconded by Zach Oster. Liz explained the late edits to the proposals-Course title change, etc.
  - b. Liz-In the prerequ’s area, do not put a period. This is seen as a non-syncing thing.
  - c. Vote-Motion passed
5. New Course [SPANISH 326: WRITING FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS](#)
  - a. Louis Betty moved E5, seconded by Paul House. Louis explained the course.
  - b. Vote-Motion passed
6. New Program [:Professional Spanish Minor](#)
  - a. Louis Betty moved to accept E6, seconded by Wesley Hough. Louis explained the rationale behind creating the new minor.
  - b. Liz-Add the word “pairs” prior to sending forward
  - c. Vote-Motion passed.

#### **F. Social Work**

1. Program Change [HUMANSERVS: Human and Social Services Minor](#)
  - a. Deanna Guthrie moved to accept F1, seconded by Zachary Oster. Deanna explained the revisions.
  - b. Do not add course titles to red boxed classes in the coursepicker area – this causes syncing problems.
  - c. Vote- motion passed

#### **G. Sociology, Criminology, & Anthropology**

1. Course Change [SOCIOLOGY 358: Contemporary Chinese Society](#)
  - a. Paul Gregory moved to amend that G1 is to approve Geology 358 and the additional crosslisting of Asian Studies 358, seconded by Ed Gimbel. Paul explained the course change.
  - b. Liz-Grade basis will be modified to “student option,” and CORE courses need to be listed in numerical order.
  - c. Nathan-Japanese studies-how does this relate to Japanese studies? Liz-Japanese studies has a requirement area for general Asian Studies courses.

d. Vote-motion passed.

**H. Discussion - feedback on College Bylaws, Article XI - Curriculum Committee (found online at <https://www.uww.edu/documents/colleges/cls/Bylaws%20%28amended%2008-28-14%29.pdf> )**

1. The bylaws discussion will be rolled over to the next meeting due to time constraints.

**I. Adjournment**

1. Liz adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.