

2024 UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

March 19, 2024 | 3:30pm

UC Council Room

MINUTES

Present: Bovaird-Abbo, Couch, Finley, Larson, Matchett, Markowski, Zimmerman,

Zoom: Gottlieb, Henson, Klein, Moore

Absent:

Call to Order 3:31pm

Approval of Agenda approved without objection

Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2024, meeting, minutes will be emailed and get approved electronically.

Chair's Report/Announcements (Larson) – The Academic Policies Committee finalized updated curriculum regulations that will move to Codification.

Reports from Councils

LAC (Matchett) – Starting cycle of indirect assessments.

Assessment Council (Markowski) – No report

Special Reports

Unfinished Business

- Curriculum Standards Questions Document (see pdf file) Finish 5-14
- Question 5:
 - Agree to endorse CWG recommendations.
- Question 6:
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- Question 7:
 - Best to leave it up to program/department to decide.
 - PVA does not require a minor because of how intense the PVA program is.
 - Is there data on programs on which minors can be selected.
 - The English department would like to keep the minor.
 - There is a chance students will continue to register for lower-level courses until they reach 120 if they do not have a minor.
 - Continue current practice.
- Question 8:
 - It may be an issue for PVA since students are required to have a concentration and will lower enrollment.
 - It was suggested that in the English Department to keep the current requirements so students can have that flexibility.
 - Can this policy be revisited so that departments can determine whether they want to increase or not?

- 6 credits would be more flexible in the case of prerequisites.
- UGC recommends continuing current practice as 6 credits of upper division is sufficient for a secondary specialization.
- Question 9:
 - Discussion about certificates:
 - Although certificates are not funded by financial aid, sufficient information can be provided for students transitioning to degree seeking.
 - Certificates are increasingly attractive and there are employers that are willing to pay the tuition for a student's certification.
 - An option of creating an app for those that just want a certificate was suggested. However, there is no way to apply that to standalone certificates and coding will become complicated when differentiating between standalone or embedded certificates.
 - If certificates are helpful to students after graduating certificates should be offered liberally.
 - We should not only ALLOW double counting but encourage it.
 - Endorse CWG recommendation. Note: it was emphasized by Admissions rep that we could and should do a better job marketing certificates that are not financial aid eligible to non-degree seeking students (we should not assume no one will complete them). NJM, OTR and Admissions will work on definitions and language.
- Question 10:
 - There seems to be little harm in codifying a minimum of 9 credits.
 - Endorse CWG recommendations.

New Business

- AI Generated Policy – Basic UNC-Wide Policy?

Comments to the Good of the Order

Nancy will be absent for the last meeting and revision of Mathematics track will be brought to UGC soon.

Adjournment 4:55pm