Courses and Curricula Committee

Minutes

March 13, 2024

Members Present: John Allen, Alice Blackwell (chair), Arlene Duos (substitute for Conley Hathorn), Jennifer Dupont, Richard Elder, Cole Franklin, Jennifer Innerarity, Adena LeJeune, Ahmed Shaffie, Christof Stumpf (substitute for Sandra Purifoy), and Jennifer Wright.

Members Absent: Rusty Gaspard and Laurie Pittman

Guests: Bobi Delaney, Prakash Ghimire, Andrew Hirchak, and Nathan Sammons.

Dr. Alice Blackwell established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The minutes of the meeting on February 21, 2024, were approved by email. The results of the email vote were announced and recorded. The vote was 11 in favor, 0 against, and 2 (Gaspard, Duos/Hathorn) not voting.

Dr. Allen moved to batch vote on the proposals where practicable. Dr. Innerarity seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, DuosDupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

The committee considered the proposed modification of the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. The modification involves adding a concentration in Data Science and changing the concentration in Secondary Mathematics Education to include a state mandated course. Dr. Elder moved to approve the modification of the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Dr. Duos, seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Duos, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

The committee considered the modification of BIOL 2030, BIOL 3150, and BIOL 3202. The proposed changes to BIOL 2030 are to update the language in the course and are not substantive. The proposed changes to BIOL 3150 are to update the language and semester offered, and to remove a prerequisite because its content is not needed for success in BIOL 3150. The proposed changes to BIOL 3202 involve changing the course from 2 to 3 credit hours. Dr. Sammons explained that the course was created last year. After offering the course for the first time, the faculty have realized that the content of the course is too much material for a 2-hour course. Dr. Stumpf moved to approve the modifications of BIOL 2030, BIOL 3150, and BIOL 3202. Jennifer Dupont seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Duos, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

The committee considered the addition of BIOL 4192, BIOL 4901, and BIOL 4902. The addition of BIOL 4192 is being proposed because the Medical Laboratory Science program needs a 2-hour course in virology for accreditation requirements. While this course is similar to an existing course, it will include significantly more content. Biology majors may also enroll in this course. BIOL 4901 and BIOL 4902 are being added as part of a research-intensive pathway within the biology degree. Dr. Stumpf moved to approve the addition of BIOL 4192, BIOL 4901, and BIOL 4902. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Duos, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

Dr. Sammons requested that the committee defer consideration of the modification of the Bachelor of Science in Biology until further modifications can be made. Dr. Allen moved to defer consideration of the proposal. Dr. Duos seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Duos, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

The committee reviewed the addition of DSEM 4012. Dr. Innerarity explained that this course will be replacing NURS 4012. A misspelling in the course title was noted. Dr. Innerarity moved to defer consideration of the proposal until a correction is made. Jennifer Dupont seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Duos, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

Dr. Blackwell reviewed the upcoming proposals and set the next committee meeting for Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Jennifer Dupont moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Franklin seconded the motion. Results of the live voice vote were as follows: 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Duos, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Shaffie, Stumpf, Wright), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting due to absence (Gaspard, Pittman).

Minutes submitted by Adena LeJeune.