

Courses and Curriculum Committee
Minutes
March 20, 2024

Present: John Allen, Alice Blackwell, Richard Elder, Cole Franklin, John Marks (sub for Jennifer Innerarity), Adena LeJeune, Laurie Pittman, Sandra Purifoy, Ahmed Shaffie, Arlene Duos (sub for Conley Hathorn), and Jennifer Wright

Absent: Rusty Gaspard, Jennifer Dupont

Guests: Angela Bordelon (NURS), Nate Sammons (BIOL), Eamon Halpin (Provost's office), and Bobi Delaney (Registrar, ex-officio)

Once a quorum was established the meeting was called to order by Dr. Alice Blackwell at 12:03 pm.

The minutes for the March 13, 2024, meeting were reviewed. It was noted at this time that the proposal for BIOL 4192 had a box indicating "no vote" had been checked, but a vote had clearly been taken and entered. Dr. Sammons indicated that he could not make that change. A motion by Jennifer Wright was made to approve the minutes. Cole Franklin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote of 9-0-2 and 2 (Gaspard and Dupont) not voting due to being absent from the meeting. Purifoy and Pittman abstained due to not being present at the March 13, 2024 meeting.

A motion to batch vote where feasible was made by John Allen with Ahmed Shaffie seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote 11-0-0 with two members, Rusty Gaspard and Jennifer Dupont, not present to vote.

Proposals from the Department of Biological Sciences courses were reviewed. The courses were previously favorably reviewed by the committee but were recalled by the department before a vote. The error in hours in the Modification of BIOL 1001 was fixed. The Modification to BIOL 4110 was judged satisfactorily done. The catalog and course description were properly aligned. A question about the CIP code was explained by Eamon Halpin. With no further discussion Richard Elder made a motion to approve the two courses. John Marks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 11-0-0 and 2 (Gaspard and Dupont) not present to vote.

The Modification of the Bachelor of Science in Biology was then considered. It had been previewed the prior week but recalled by the department. The addition of some electives was noted. The addition of a research intensive track and the benefits to the students of such a track were reviewed again. The Biology Secondary Education concentration was modified to accommodate the mandatory addition of EDCI 4020.

Richard Elder made a motion to approve the Modification of the Bachelor of Science in Biology with Laurie Pittman seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote of 11-0 -0 and 2 (Dupont, Gaspard) not voting due to being absent.

Richard Elder, Chair of the Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee, explained the rationale for the modification of CORE 3001, *Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship (UTA)*. The Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee (ICC) approved changing the prerequisites of the course to allowing a maximum of 6-credit hours. However, the second enrollment in the course must be a different course. John Marks made a motion to approve the modification with Jennifer Wright seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote 11-0-0 with 2 (Dupont, Gaspard) not voting due to being absent.

The proposed changes to NURS 1042, NURS 2022, and PNUR 1013 were reviewed. Proposals for NURS 1042 and 2022 had been favorably reviewed previously but were recalled by the department. The committee found the corrections eminently satisfactory. For PNUR 1013, the previous course description stated a student must have a 2.7 GPA to enroll in the course. As this course is a prerequisite for acceptance to the nursing program, this precluded incoming freshman with no GPA of record and students just under the 2.7 from enrolling in the course, preventing them from applying for the nursing program. Therefore, the GPA requirement was removed from the course description to allow any interested student to enroll.

Richard Elder made a motion to approve the proposals for modifications to NURS 1042, NURS 2022, and PNUR 1013. John Marks seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote 11-0-0 with 2 not voting due to being absent.

Lastly, NURS 1150, NURS 1151, and NURS 1152 were discussed. The new courses would enable licensed paramedics to enter the ASN program. Licensed paramedics would have to successfully pass all three proposed courses in order to enter into Level III (NURS 2020, 2021, 2022). Benefits to the community (reducing the shortage of nurses) and the students (9 fewer hours to pay for) were emphasized. Also, this proposed program received an award. However, the department representatives noted some errors and requested to recall the three proposals to address them.

Next, the committee “previewed” the Paramedic->ASN track, a modification to the ASN. Mrs. Bordelon explained the program in further detail. The proposal was viewed favorably but could not be voted on at this time.

Richard Elder made a motion to adjourn with Ahmed Shaffie seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote, 11-0-0 and two not voting due to being absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Purifoy,

Secretary