**Courses and Curriculum Committee**

**Minutes**

**February 21, 2024**

**12 noon**

**Mulder 302**

**P**resent: John Allen, Alice Blackwell, Jennifer Dupont, Richard Elder, Cole Franklin, Jennifer Innerarity, Adena LeJeune, Laurie Pittman, Sandra Purifoy, Ahmed Shaffie, and Jennifer Wright. Arlene Duos is acting as the substitute for the Education representative, Dr. Conley Hathorn.

Absent: Rusty Gaspard

Guests: Arlene Duos substituting for Conley Hathorn, Sarita James, Nathan Ponder, Andrew Hirchak (Registrar’s Office)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alice Blackwell at 12:04 pm once a quorum had been established.

The minutes from December 6, 2023, were read into the record. These minutes had been approved online with 11 in favor (Allen, Blackwell, Elder, Franklin, Hathorn, Innerarity, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright), 0 opposed, and two abstentions (Dupont, Gaspard).

A motion to batch vote on the proposals currently being discussed where practicable was made by John Allen with Jennifer Innerarity seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote 12-0-1. In favor: Allen, Blackwell, Duos acting as Education representative, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright. Opposed: none. Abstaining/not voting due to absence: Gaspard.

The Addition of the Minor in Computer Science was discussed. The forms were reviewed with no additions or corrections needed. Dr. Ponder explained the rationale for the minor. No extra costs were needed to implement the 18-credit hour minor. All courses listed as required are currently in the catalog. Dr. Elder made a motion to approve the Minor in Computer Science with Dr. Allen seconding the motion. A voice vote was in favor 12-0-1 with 1 abstention due to Gaspard’s absence. In favor: Allen, Blackwell, Duos acting as Education representative, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright. Opposed: none. Abstaining/not voting due to absence: Gaspard.

A new course, CSCI 4740, *Data Mining*, was reviewed. All necessary approvals (in Curriculog’s “Decisions” section) and votes were noted. Objectives were discussed; they were considered assessable. Also discussed: methods of assessment. Dr. Ponder noted the course would make students marketable in the workplace. No new faculty or resources were needed to implement the course.

The second new course, CSCI 4730, *Data Visualization and Predictive Modeling*, was discussed. All votes and approvals were noted. Objectives were discussed; they were considered assessable. Also discussed: methods of assessment. Dr. Ponder explained the need to meet industry standards as rationale for the course. No new faculty or resources were needed to implement the course. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Allen with a second by Dr. Shaffie to approve the two courses, CSCI 4740 and CSCI 4730. The motion passed by voice vote with 12-0-1. In favor: Allen, Blackwell, Duos acting as Education representative, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright. Opposed: none. Abstaining/not voting due to absence: Gaspard.

The Modification of the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics was discussed. All votes and approvals were noted. The modification concerned the addition of a new Data Science concentration. An inconsistency was noted: MATH 4031 and MATH 4200 were listed in the Major Foundational Requirements AND in the required courses beyond the Major Foundational Requirements in the proposed Data Science concentration. A motion was made by Sandra Purifoy to return the course to the Originator for clarification. Laurie Pittman seconded the motion. A formal voice vote was taken. The motion passed with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining due to absence. In favor: Allen, Blackwell, Duos acting as Education representative, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright. Opposed: none. Abstaining/not voting due to absence: Gaspard.

The committee next reviewed revised proposals for modifications to NURS 1030, NURS 1031, NURS 1032, and NURS 3001. The committee had reviewed earlier versions of these proposals Dec. 6. At that time, the committee agreed that the substance of the course modifications was manifestly acceptable, but the committee noted small mistakes in grammar and course prefixes as well as a few omitted department votes. All the proposals were resubmitted with the necessary corrections completed. Richard Elder made a motion to approve the proposals for NURS 1030, NURS 1031, NURS 1032, and NURS 3001. LeJeune seconded the motion. A formal voice vote was taken. The motion passed 12-0-1. In favor: Allen, Blackwell, Duos acting as Education representative, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright. Opposed: none. Abstaining/not voting due to absence: Gaspard.

With no further business, LeJeune made a motion to adjourn; Franklin seconded the motion. A formal voice vote was taken. The motion passed with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining due to absence. In favor: Allen, Blackwell, Duos acting as Education representative, Dupont, Elder, Franklin, Innerarity, LeJeune, Pittman, Purifoy, Shaffie, and Wright. Opposed: none. Abstaining/not voting due to absence: Gaspard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Purifoy, Secretary