Courses and Curriculum Committee
Minutes
March 19, 2025

Present: Alice Blackwell, Jennifer Wright, Richard Elder, Cole Franklin, Jennifer Stegall, Adena LeJeune, John Allen, Sandra Purifoy, Ahmed Shaffie, Kerry Ordes, and Elizabeth Duck

Absent: Laurie Pittman

Guests: Eamon Halpin, Andrew Hirchak, and Tanya Lueder

Alice Blackwell called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm once a quorum had been established.

The Open Meeting Law was discussed with the Committee. A Zoom meeting link will be available with the agenda for anyone wanting to attend via Zoom. Committee members must be present to vote, move, or otherwise perform as committee members. Only guests may attend remotely.

Dr. Blackwell offered the possibility of batch voting. Jennifer Wright made a motion to batch vote where possible. Adena LeJeune seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (Blackwell, Allen, Duck, Shaffie, Ordes, Purifoy, LeJeune, Wright, Franklin, Elder, and Stegall) with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. One member did not vote due to being absent from the meeting.

The first course considered was the addition of CSCI 2340, *Object-Oriented Design*. Dr. Tanya Lueder explained that the MACS department had requested the removal of CSCI 2351 and put the material usually covered in CSCI 2351 in CSCI 2340. Repackaging the contents of CSCI 2351 as 2340 would put the course material of 2340 and 2350 in an order more conducive to the department's pedagogical goals. There was enough of the content to change so a new course number was proposed; it is not possible to CHANGE the course number (a wholly new course must be proposed). CSCI 2340 will be a required course in the BS in Computer Science. The department votes, CIP code, and credit hours were noted. No new fees, facilities, faculty, supplies, or library resources are needed for the course. The course description and the course objectives are in alignment. The prerequisites were noted.

The addition of CSCI 2991, *Introductory Computer Science Internship*, was reviewed. This lower-level internship class would involve job shadowing and help-desk jobs for freshmen and sophomore level students. Local industries have suggested a need for the course and an interest in partnering with the university. The department votes, CIP code, and lab credit hours were noted. The description of the internship follows standard internship requirements. The course description and the course objectives are in alignment. No new fees, library resources, facilities, supplies, or resources are needed for the course. The course may be repeated.

The addition of the next course, CYBR 2991, *Introductory Cybersecurity Internship*, was reviewed. The department votes, CIP code, and credit hours were noted. A discussion ensued on the course description after the Chair noticed a mistake in a word in the description. To wit: "commiserate" appears where "commensurate" would be appropriate; one does not speak of coursework being "commiserate" with the course level The same word appears in CSCI 2991, CHEM 2991, MATH 2991, and INTE 2991. John Allen approved withdrawing the CHEM 2991. Tanya Lueder approved the CSCI 2991 and INTE 2991 withdrawal. Ahmed Shaffie approved the MATH 2991 withdrawal. ****Chair's note: the committee reviewed the course additions favorably but did not want to send the descriptions forward with a significant typo**.

A new course addition, INTE 4991, *Information Technology Internship*, was discussed. The course takes students from curriculum to career. The course will enhance coursework in other disciplines. The department votes, CIP code, and lab credit hours were noted. No new facilities, faculty, library resources, fees, supplies, or other resources are needed for the course.

Adena LeJeune made a motion to approve CSCI 2340 and INTE 4991. Ahmed Shaffie seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (Blackwell, Allen, Duck, Shaffie, Ordes, Purifoy, LeJeune, Wright, Franklin, Elder, and Stegall) with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. One member did not vote due to being absent from the meeting.

The second batch of courses was reviewed. The modification of CSCI 2350, *Programming and Data Structures*, was discussed. The department votes, CIP code, and credit hours were noted. The required course has minor language changes. The course is not a General Education course. The prerequisite for the existing course was no longer appropriate since the addition of CSCI 2340 so a new prerequisite was proposed. The course will not affect other departments. No new fees are necessary.

The modification of CSCI 4991, *Computer Science Internship*, was discussed. The department votes, CIP code, and credit hours were reviewed. Tanya Lueder explained that the course was being updated for the correct course credit hours since an internship is being considered a lab course and can be repeated one or two times if the internship experience changes. New prerequisites were proposed providing more flexibility. The course description language reflected standard internship language clarifying the workload for students and credit hour calculations. In addition, greater transparency for students and faculty will be achieved. No new faculty or fees are being proposed. Likewise, the course is not requesting General Education Status, involving other departments, or being endorsed by an advisory committee. The course description and the course objectives are in alignment.

Modification of ENGL 4370, *Major Writers in World Literature*, was reviewed. As with the other recent course modifications from English, the department is trying to remove roadblocks to enrollment and graduation. The department will now allow students to seek instructor permission for enrollment in the course; previously, students had to take one of several prescribed courses and could fulfill their prerequisites no other way. This allows more flexibility

for students. The department votes were noted. General Education status was not being requested. The course will not affect other departments.

Jennifer Wright made a motion to approve the modifications of CSCI 2350, CSCI 4991, and ENGL 4370. Adena LeJeune seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (Blackwell, Allen, Duck, Shaffie, Ordes, Purifoy, LeJeune, Wright, Franklin, Elder, and Stegall) with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. One member did not vote due to being absent from the meeting.

The Committee then considered the deletion of CSCI 2351, *Object-Oriented Design*. The department votes were noted in favor of the deletion. The effective date of the deletion was noted. The course was required in the BS in Computer Science but will be replaced with the newly-approved CSCI 2340. The deletion will not affect other department programs. Richard Elder made a motion to approve the deletion of CSCI 2351 with Cole Franklin seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (Blackwell, Allen, Duck, Shaffie, Ordes, Purifoy, LeJeune, Wright, Franklin, Elder, and Stegall) with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. One member did not vote due to being absent from the meeting.

The BS in Computer Science modification was then considered. The department votes and signatures were noted. No changes in the RIS were needed. The deletion of CSCI 2351 was noted and replaced with CSCI 2340 in the Major Requirement section.

In closing comments Alice announced the next week's meeting will include the new degree demanded by the LSU Board of Supervisors in Disaster Preparedness and Response. A number of new courses will be on the agenda.

Adena LeJeune made a motion to adjourn after no further business was conducted. Jennifer Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (Blackwell, Allen, Duck, Shaffie, Ordes, Purifoy, LeJeune, Wright, Franklin, Elder, and Stegall) with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. One member did not vote due to being absent from the meeting.

The meeting officially adjourned at 3:59 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Purifoy
Secretary