

## Educational Affairs Committee

Approved Minutes

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

3:00 pm

MTC 126B or Zoom

Voting Members Present: Matthew Schmeer (chair), Nick Mancini (vice chair), Barry Bailey, Sarah Boyle, Tonia Hughes, Mary Berg, Sasha Gluhovsky, Haley Vellinga, Ashley Rader, Jacob Kier, Whitney Bandel, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Susan Brown, Joe Wies, Charlie Randazzo, Steve Bennett, Casey Buchanan, Dan Mueller, Kitzeln Siebert, Justin Dunham, Michelle Clark, and Doug Patterson

Absent Voting Members: None

Resource Members: Gurbhushan Singh, Shelia Maupin Valerie Dorsey, Kris Perales, Audrey Cooper, and Susan Roberts

### (1) Call to Order

Matthew Schmeer started the meeting at 3:02 PM.

### (2) Roll Call

Nick Mancini collected attendance.

### (3) Agenda Agreement (consent item)

The agenda was agreed on by consent.

### (4) Meeting Minutes Draft from March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting minutes were agreed on by consent.

### (5) Curriculum

## Arts & Design, Humanities & Social Sciences

### Computer Desktop Publishing

Jennie Mynhier

#### Program Deactivation

4830-CERT: Desktop Publishing Applications Specialist Certificate

Jennie Mynhier was present to discuss the sunset of the Desktop Publishing Certificate program. The program has seen a decline over the years and is not currently a certificate that meets state CTE or federal financial aid standards. Jennie discussed the value of the coursework that will still be offered and how those courses still support programs like Graphic Design.

Maureen Fitzpatrick motioned to approve the program deactivation and Tonia Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## History

Sarah Boyle & Andrea Vieux

### Course Edits

- HIST 129: Early Modern Europe 1500-1789
- HIST 130: European History Since 1789
- HIST 132: History of Africa
- HIST 143: Ancient Greece, the Near East and Egypt
- HIST 145: History of Ancient Rome
- HIST 150: Islam: Religion and Civilization
  - Cross-Listing HUM 150: Islam: Religion and Civilization
  - Cross-Listing REL 150: Islam: Religion and Civilization
- HIST 160: Modern Russian History
- HIST 200: Empires of the Silk Road
  - Title change from: Eurasia: History and Cultures

Sarah Boyle represented the course edits from the history department which included a new standard department objective and general course updates. It was noted that new faculty were included in the editing process of the courses. Sarah fielded a question about the general title of the History of Africa course. Sarah agreed that the title is nondescript and will consult with the faculty and the transfer department about the title.

Barry Bailey motioned to approve the course edits in History and Doug Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Political Science

Andrea Vieux & Sarah Boyle

### Course Edits

- POLS 122: Political Science
- POLS 132: Introduction to Comparative Government
- POLS 135: International Relations
- POLS 200: Model United Nations
- POLS 220: Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 245: Introduction to Public Administration

Andrea Vieux went through the edits of the individual Political Science courses which reflected general updates. There was an adjustment to POLS 200, objective number 2 to remove the comma during the meeting.

Barry motioned to approve the Political Science course edits and Susan Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

(6) Subcommittee and Liaison Assignments and Updates

- Cultural Diversity/General Education

No report.

Ashley Radar noted the subcommittee did not meet and had no updates to report but Andrea Vieux did request the subcommittee review the General Education cross-listing policy. The subcommittee will meet next Wednesday to review the General Education Criteria.

- Procedures

Doug Patterson reposted the subcommittee is about ready to share the syllabus template documents with the updated AI language. The documents will be presented at the next meeting.

- ABC

No report.

- OLAC

No report.

- Faculty Association

No report.

(7) Announcements and Updates

- Nominations

Doug Patterson accepted the vice chair nomination and Matthew Schmeer accepted the chair nomination.

- Committee Membership for AY 2024-25

Reminder to those rolling off the committee, eligible replacement faculty are those who are full-time and past the probationary period.

(8) Adjournment

Doug Patterson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Casey Buchanan seconded the motion and the meeting concluded at 3:26 PM.

*\*Curriculum updates are effective Academic Year 2025-2026 Catalog which covers Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026 terms unless otherwise noted.*