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Faculty Senate Meeting #4 Minutes
Monday December 4, 2023 at 3:30 PM • UCC 260

1. Minutes from Meeting #3 on November 6, 2023

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1507/form> Approved.

2. Announcements

2.1. Library Advisory Committee and Research Production & Performance Committee

Collaboration (Dennis Christodouleas & Thomas Shea). Thomas Shea shared that RPPC will be requesting departmental desires for library resources that support R1 and the Graduate School is number one on his agenda. President Meehan is interested in sharing and consolidating each campus' resources.

3. Presentations

3.1. Web Services Update (Sarah Eisenklam) Sarah Eisenklam & Jenny Lisle provided a "Digital Strategy Presentation" to highlight the need for making our websites and content accessible, including all documents (CVs included), images, videos, bios, announcements, catalog & marketing content, academic and program pages. They cautioned that universities that have been sued and noted that there is a delay when you submit your content because they are checking it for accessibility. All images require alt text for screen readers. There are tools you can use to create accessible documents to expedite the accessibility process. They noted that our website is designed to be accessible and encouraged that if you are uploading a document, you should think about making it web content instead. Further, each department and/or program requires a Web Maintainer to make website updates. Web Editing Training is provided on a regular basis and can be set up by contacting cms_training@uml.edu . They asked senators to share the PPT presentation with their departments.

4. Undergraduate Policy Committee (Michael Geiger)

4.1. **Change Admissions Criteria: B.S. in Exercise Science**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1450/form> Changes to the transfer admission criteria. The motivation for the change is consistency. Approved.

4.2. **New Subplan for an Existing Plan: B.A. in World Languages & Cultures,**

Portuguese/Spanish Option <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1381/form> Similar to option approved last month. Approved.

4.3. **Change Existing Plan: B.M. in Music Business**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1311/form> Approved.

4.4. **Change Existing Minors:**

4.4.1. **Film Studies** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1364/form> Approved.

4.4.2. **Nutritional Science** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1409/form> Approved.

4.5. **For Information Only:**

4.5.1. Change Existing Certificate: Paralegal Studies

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1385/form>

4.5.2. Nursing Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1467/form>

4.5.3. **Request for Department Feedback on Pre-Requisite Document** Senators will receive a document detailing the rationale and proposed timeline and are asked to share with their departments.

5. **Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (Scott Latham)**

5.1. **Revise Admissions Requirements: Doctor of Physical Therapy**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1399/form> Remove pharmacology as a pre-requisite and eliminate minimum GRE admissions score. Approved.

5.2. **Remove GRE Requirements:** Approved.

5.2.1. **MS in Chemical Engineering** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1471/form>

5.2.2. **MS in Energy Engineering (Nuclear)**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1471/form>

5.2.3. **MS in Applied Biomedical Sciences**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1459/form>

5.2.4. **MS in Health Information Management – Health Informatics**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1367/form>

5.2.5. **MS in Health Service Management**

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1367/form>

5.3. **Revise Maximum Credits for Enrollment:**

5.3.1. MS & PhD in Computer Science

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1455/form> Approved.

5.3.2. MS in Information Technology

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1455/form> Approved.

5.4. Change Comprehensive Exam: PhD in Physics

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1451/form> Approved.

5.5. Change Existing Plan: MPA Master of Public Administration

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1290/form> Approved.

5.6. For Information Only:

5.6.1. Change List of Approved Electives

5.6.1.1. MS Engineering Management

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1372/form>

5.6.1.2. MBA International Business Option

<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1389/form>

6. Executive Session: Interdisciplinary Roundtable Working Groups

6.1. Michelle Hunt, Curriculum Committee Chair. Co-Chair of Interdisciplinary Task Force with Michael Geiger. The first ITF meeting is next week. The task force wants to get input from senators re: what they would like to see re: interdisciplinary programs as they are being developed. There is not much guidance on the website; Faculty Senate will take the lead and create a plan for oversight. The task force will use this information to inform their work over the spring semester.

6.2. Three questions for roundtable discussions, and submit responses on PollEv at michellehunt319

1. How would you define interdisciplinary in relationship to academic programs.
2. What is exciting and advantageous about current or potential interdisciplinary programs?
3. What are general obstacles/challenges with current or potential interdisciplinary programs? If you have an interdisciplinary program, what are the challenges you are seeing? If you were to create an interdisciplinary program, what challenges can you anticipate?

Next: Faculty Senate Meeting #5 on Monday February 5, 2024 at 3:30-5:00pm in UCC-260 (Moloney Hall)