UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE
CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the third meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017 in the Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Sullivan presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Baglama, Cardany, Gordon, Izenstark, Loftus-Rattan, McClure, and Swaszek. Vice Provost Beauvais, Director Goldsmith, and Ms. Neff, Faculty Senate Office, were also in attendance.

The following members were absent: Professor Brand, Dorado, King, and Mr. John Rooney.

II. The Minutes of Meeting #1, September 25, 2017 and Meeting #2, October 23, 2017 were approved as amended.

III. REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Department Chairperson McCurdy from Human Development and Family Studies addressed the Committee members regarding the proposals for HDF 480 and 481. She explained that these are capstone courses for HDF majors, which must be taken concurrently. As such they are requesting that 480 and 481 be considered as a sequence in regard to the general education program. Dr. McCurdy explained that the intent was only to allow 4 credits of 480 and 481 to be used toward general education requirements.

a. COLLEGE OF NURSING:
The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of NUR 280G, Social Determinants of Health. The Committee approved the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

b. COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES:
The Committee discussed the proposal to change the prerequisite for EDC 424, Teaching Literacy in the Primary Grades. The proposal was approved. The proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

c. COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES:
The Committee voted to approve the proposals for changes to the description and prerequisite for HDF 480, Senior Field Experiences in Community Agencies and changes to the prerequisite for HDF 481, Field Experience Seminar and Reflections. The proposals will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

d. COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
The Committee reviewed the proposal for the creation of CSC/DSP 461, Machine Learning. The proposal was not approved due to insufficient information regarding the lab component and issues with the cross-listing within the same department. The Chair will follow up with the proposer and department chair.
Dr. Travis Williams, Chair of the English department and Christine Mok, Assistant Professor in English, addressed the Committee regarding the new course proposal for **ENG 450G, Performing Race**. Dr. Williams explained the 4-credit model adopted by the English department in 2011. Four-credit English courses are blended courses with 3 credit hours in the classroom and the 4th credit being either online (Sakai), an increased reading list, or a more developed project, or a combination of the three. He explained that ENG 450G was set up according to that precedent. Chairperson Sullivan inquired if the course was a requirement for the minor based on the statement on the course proposal form that read “English minors will also use it to complete the minor.” Dr. Williams explained that the course was not required for the minor and was amenable to changing the statement to read “English minor may also use it to complete the minor.” The Faculty Senate Office will correct the proposal.

The Committee voted to approve the proposal creating **ENG 450G, Performing Race**. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

The Committee reviewed the new course proposal for **GWS 210G, Introduction to Queer Studies**. After discussion, the Committee approved the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

The Committee considered the proposal for new course **WRT 388, Proposal Writing for Clients** (currently a temporary X course). The proposal was approved.

The Committee approved the deletion of **ART 300, Art History Internship**.

A motion was made and approved to consider the changes to the internships together. The changing of the course number, title, description, and prerequisite for ART 307, Art Studio Internship to become **ART 477, Art and Art History Internship**, the change in course number and description for FLM 401 to **FLM 477, Film Experience in Film Media**, change in course number for LAR 399 to **LAR 477, Landscape Architecture Internship**, and change of number and credits to THE 415 to **THE 477, Professional Internship**. The Committee was concerned that FLM 477 did not specify a maximum number of credits that were allowed. The Committee approved the proposals for ART 477, LAR 477, and THE 477. The Committee did not approve FLM 477. The Chair will follow up with the proposer and department chair regarding FLM 477.

The Committee considered the proposal for changes to the prerequisite for **CSC 110, Survey of Computer Science**. The proposal was approved.

**e. COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LIFE SCIENCES:**

The Committee discussed the proposal for the creation of **MAF 300, Social Studies of Science**. The proposal was approved. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for the creation of **MAF 310, Communication for Marine Affairs** (currently a temporary X course). The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of **NRS 330G, The Biodiversity Crisis**. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

The Committee considered the changes to course title, description and prerequisite for NRS 402, Wildlife Biometrics to **NRS 402, Quantitative Wildlife Ecology**. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

The Committee considered changes to the course title and prerequisite for NRS 403, Wildlife Biometrics Field Investigation, to **NRS 403, Quantitative Wildlife Ecology Field Investigations**. The Committee approved the request.
The Committee considered the changes to the **BA and BS in Marine Affairs programs**, to update outdated catalog numbers and reorganize concentration courses into two categories (Social Sciences and Humanities & Coastal and Marine Policy and Management) to provide more guidance for MAF majors. The Committee approved the proposal.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

a. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:
The Committee considered the revised proposal to create **CSC/DSP 310, Programming for Data Science**. After discussion the Committee found the outcomes on the syllabus were not measurable and the reason for cross-listing the course within the same department was unclear. The proposal was not approved. The Chair will follow up with the proposer and the department chair.

The Committee considered the revisions received for the creation of **STA/DSP 441, Introduction to Multivariate Statistical Learning** and **STA/DSP 490, Statistics in Practice**. Committee member Baglama verified that overlap issues with these courses had been satisfied. The Committee members expressed concerns with the cross-listing of these courses within the same department. The proposals were not approved. The Chair will follow up with the proposer and the department chair.

The Committee reviewed the revisions received to the course title and description of **HIS 333, Twentieth Century Russia** to **HIS 333, Russia Since 1900**. After discussion the Committee approved the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

VI. DISCUSSION:

The Chair briefly discussed the purpose of cross-listing courses within the same department and across departments. The Committee questioned what is the intent of cross-listing and does cross-listing courses reconcile and demonstrate interdisciplinary programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lawrence