MINUTES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CAS Undergraduate Curriculum Council

2022-2023

MEETING: April 20, 2023 - 2:30 p.m., via Zoom

PRESENT: L. Feldman, C. Goudsouzian, B. Graham, M. Hirschi, R. Hood, J. Johnson, J. Jones, W. Madlock, F. Noguiera, R. Parish, V. Phan, J. Sabel, R. Serino, W. Thompson, J. Wang

ABSENT: J. Bahoh, C. Bowers, S. Jun, S. Mishra, A. Windsor

VISITORS: N/A

PROXIES: B. McCarty for A. Windsor (MATH)

PRESIDING: L. Menson-Furr; S. Warren, recording secretary

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Chrystal Goudsouzian motioned to approve the minutes from March 16, 2023. Junmin Wang seconded the motion. All were in favor and so minutes were approved.
- 3. Announcements and Updates from L. Menson-Furr
 - A. UUC Updates

The UUC planning meeting took place April 12, 2023. The UUC meeting took place April 14, 2023

- a. Blue City Oval Project: There was a presentation from the hiring manager of the Blue City Oval project. An alumnus of U of M, he contacted Carol Danehower to help ensure UofM participation and representation. There was discussion about what types of employees will be needed and possible collaborations. Program have been asked to think about the needs of Blue Oval Project and their influence on our curriculum (new course creation, online offerings, etc).
- b. CIP codes: Departments that have programs that could possibly qualify as STEM have been asked to make sure their CIP codes are STEM designated. If it is determined a CIP code needs to be updated, please submit a proposal during the 2024-25 submission cycle.
- c. Strategic Plan: L. Menson-Furr asked that everyone take time this summer to review the new strategic plan and think about how it can be interpreted regarding curriculum for discussion when we reconvene in the fall. Carol

Danehower has asked that the strategic plan be kept in mind when developing courses.

J. Sabel asked about the possibility of certificate paths for undergraduate students in response to preparing students meet workforce demand. L. Menson-Furr responded that although no decision has been made at this time, there has been discussion about certificates and micro credentialing and the new strategic plan does appear to support this.

- d. Transfer credits: The transfer credit committee has viewed 2 products. The objective is to select a product which will allow prospective students to enter the courses they hope to transfer to help with program selection and application. Once of the products viewed is an add-on to UM Degree.
- B. CAS Updates
 - a. The 2023-24 catalog is still being edited, though it can be viewed via the University Catalog webpage. No "lock-down" date has been given yet. Please make sure your departments have reviewed the catalog for accuracy. New programs, such as the new Environmental Science concentrations, can be advertised.
 - b. Senior exams: This was the first year since before the pandemic that Colton Cockrum has asked for the 219 senior assessment. To help this process in the future, L. Menson-Furr will be asking department chairs for help identifying classes that can include this on the syllabus.
- Scholarship updates from R. Serino All CAS college-wide scholarship recipients have been identified and the offers have been extended.
- 2023-24 Committee Meeting updates from S. Warren Meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month starting in September. At least the first 2 meetings will be in person. If there will be any departmental representative changes, please let S. Warren know as soon as possible.
- 6. L. Menson-Furr will be available during the summer. If any big changes are on your department's radar for the upcoming year, do not hesitate to reach out and begin discussion if needed. One word is received that the 2024-25 Curriculog forms are available, S. Warren will let the committee know.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.