

## CAS Undergraduate Curriculum Council

2023-24

**MEETING:** February 15, 2024 - 2:30 p.m., Zoom

**PRESENT:** J. Bahoh, C. Bowers, L. Feldman, C. Goudsouzian, B. Graham, R. Hood, S. Jin, A. Johnson, J. Johnson, J. Jones, S. Jun, B. McCarty, S. Mishra, V. Phan, J. Sabel, R. Serino, W. Thompson, J. Wang

**ABSENT:** W. Madlock, R. Parish

**VISITORS:** N/A

**PROXIES:** N/A

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

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review and Approval of December 2023 minutes  
W. Thompson motioned to approve; all were in favor and so the minutes were approved.
- 3) Announcements and Updates from L. Menson-Furr

### A. UUC Updates

i. All remaining CAS proposals have been reviewed before the UUC and have been approved. It is possible that minor edits will be needed for the catalog, so be prepared for communication from the catalog team.

Departments should begin having conversations now about what changes or new proposals are desired for the next curriculum cycle.

ii. The deadline for summer/fall ST proposals has passed. CAS's ST deadline is earlier than the Registrar deadline. We can discuss adjusting the deadline for future semesters; we will revisit this topic at a later spring meeting.

iii. Updates and Reminders: Make sure that syllabi meet all requirements. New M50 courses must first be approved by UM3D.

iv. Microcredentials Workshop will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9-12 in the FIT fishbowl.

### B. CAS Updates

i. Senior exams: The college now needs approximately 100 juniors and/or seniors to complete an online Gen Ed assessment by May 2024. 42 assessments have been completed as of today. Please contact R. Hood, R. Serino, or L. Menson-Furr to

volunteer a class to participate.

4) Advising and Admissions Updates from R. Hood

A transition workshop will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for those students moving from AAC to department advisors. Sessions will be held from 3:00-5:00 in Clement room 219.

Undergraduate admission update- Incoming freshman can be admitted without test scores if they have a minimum 3.8 high school GPA. If they do not have a 3.8, they need a minimum 2.8 HS GPA and ACT score of 19. They can be admitted if they are in the top 10% of their graduating class. They can also be admitted if they have been participating in our dual-enrollment program. For students who do not meet one of these four scenarios, they can submit a personal statement for supplemental review. Admission is not guaranteed with the supplemental review.

5) Scholarship Updates and Assignments from R. Serino

Scholarship review process should be open within the next week. R. Serino will be adjusting committee assignments based on number of applicants; the updated list will be sent out this afternoon. Award decisions are due to him by the end of March. If you do not receive an email notification from the scholarship system by this time next week, let him know. He can reopen applications for scholarships that have no applicants.

6) New Business/Discussions

A. Feedback request: proposed changes to ABM minimum GPA requirement

For ABM programs, the current minimum UG GPA for graduate admission is 3.25. At the graduate college directors meeting on November 15, options were discussed to lower this, or to have the 3.25 GPA requirement apply only to the coursework in the student's major. The CAS graduate council discussed in December and a motion was approved to propose a two-tiered minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 cumulative and 3.25 in the major.

Roger Kreuz asked for feedback from this council before advancing the proposal.

W. Thompson provided feedback supporting flexibility for departments when making the graduate admission decision- not letting a few low gen ed grades hold a student back when they perform strongly in their program courses.

R. Hood provided feedback from an advisor standpoint, citing that it could be difficult to calculate a "true" major GPA.

B. McCarty asked for confirmation that this would not affect departments that already have a higher GPA admission requirement. It was confirmed that departments will still be able to have higher GPA standards.

L. Menson-Furr asked that if anyone thinks of any further feedback after the meeting, to please email it to her.

B. CAS microcredentials/certificates subcommittee

A new undergraduate certificate proposal form has been created in Curriculog. Engineering proposed two UG certificates during this curriculum cycle, which were approved.

Members are needed to serve on a subcommittee to help shape how CAS uses this moving forward. L. Menson-Furr is looking to begin these meetings after scholarship review is complete and hopes to have representatives from each division. R. Serino volunteered via the chat.

7) The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024, at 2:30 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.