

CAS Undergraduate Curriculum Council

2023-24

MEETING: April 18, 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, S. Jun, W. Madlock, B. McCarty, S. Mishra, V. Phan, J. Sabel, W. Thompson, J. Wang

ABSENT: J. Jones, R. Parish, R. Serino

VISITORS: N/A

PROXIES: N/A

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

1) Welcome

2) Review and Approval of March 2024 minutes

L. Feldman motioned to approve; C. Bowers seconded. All were in favor and so the minutes were approved.

3) Announcements and Updates from L. Menson-Furr

A. UUC Updates

The Microcredentials workshop, presented by EAB, was held this morning from 9-12:00. The presentation slides will be forwarded to the Council once they are available. A few take aways from the presentation:

-As of today, the University will be using the term Certificate for microcredentials. This may change.

-Certificates/microcredentials can be stackable either with bundled credentials or credential pathways.

-When naming certificate programs, keep in mind HR resume screening software.

-Existing courses can be repacked with additional, employer aligned projects.

L. Feldman entered in the chat window: If any other departments are interested in brainstorming an interdisciplinary certificate on qualitative research/UX research/design research, please let me know! I know us folks in ANTH are really interested in doing this and would love to collaborate with other depts to do so. You can email me at

lrldman@memphis.edu

B. CAS Updates

i. Curriculum Committee members

Please notify L. Menson-Furr and S. Warren ASAP if there will be a change in representative for the 2024-25 year.

ii. Plans to update/revise the CAS Undergraduate Committee Guidelines/Handbook and webpage.

Please send suggestions of changes you would like to see.

iii. Special Topics deadline and informal vote

After discussion, it was agreed that CAS will use the Registrar stated deadline for ST submissions: March 1 for summer and fall courses, November 1 for spring courses.

iv. Summer curriculum meetings/trainings

L. Menson-Furr and S. Warren will both be available this summer to discuss curriculum changes. Please contact them to schedule a meeting. S. Warren is available to meet for Curriculog questions, trainings, or assistance with submissions. Tori Tardugno with the Registrar's office will be opening appointments this fall for trainings and to assist with Curriculog submissions.

4) Advising, Admissions and Recruitment Updates from R. Hood

- A. Senior Test –41 more Juniors and/or Seniors are needed to complete the assessment. In the fall, 81 students completed the senior test using the campaign. R. Hood sent a new campaign to summer graduates today. She will work with faculty to offer the test over the summer. She believes they need to be completed by the end of June and will contact Colton Cockrum to confirm.
- B. Improve the Reverse Transfer process to award associate degrees to students who earned a minimum of 15 hours at a Tennessee community college: Those students will receive an email to opt in to the reverse transfer program. The registrar will run a process to see if the student has met the requirements for an associate's degree. Those names and U of M transcripts will be sent to the CC. The CC will award the degree.
- C. Admissions update – we are on track to have an increase in our freshmen class. As of yesterday, 2,068 students have committed to come to U of M by signing up for New Student Orientation, NSO.
- D. The Summer 3+3 program has returned for rising sophomores. To qualify, students must have earned no more than 40 hours and have a 2.5 GPA. They will pay for one class and the university will pay for the other.
- E. With the FAFSA coming out late, the Financial Aid office has asked advisors to encourage students to submit their FAFSA. R. Hood sent a list of students who have not submitted to advisors so they can encourage these students.

- F. Admissions is working on a new Study Abroad TCR that will be electronic. It will improve the workflow and be routed to the appropriate offices first to ensure accurate transferability of courses and degree completion. It will go through Admissions first to verify the course transferability and the credit hours. Department chairs have been asked to be course evaluators.

 - G. Reconnect Admissions Scholarship: This is for students who have been admitted for the Fall but did not enroll. They can return for Spring and the university will re-offer their scholarships at the freshmen level.
- 5) The next meeting will be held September 2024 in-person.
Meeting adjourned.