

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**University Committee on Undergraduate Education**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
10:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., via Zoom

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Present: Gary Blanchard, Cece Branson, Richard Enbody, Kathleen Gallo, Nicole Geske, Jonelle Golding, Ebony Green, Aaron Iturralde, Chris Kaiser, Marissa King, Soja Kureekkattil, Mark Largent, Emilia Marcyk-Taylor, Helen Mayer, Vashti Sawtelle, Linda Sayed, Steve Shablin, Robin Silbergleid, Joy Speas, Thomas Summerhill, Antoinette Tessmer, Tyler Silvestri, Alexandria Thrubis Stanley, Brandon Webster, Patty West, Matthew Zierler

Absent: Joshua Ennis, Steven Gray  
Mike Callahan, College of Music is on leave spring, 2023.

Chairperson Tessmer began the meeting by recognizing the mass campus tragedy that occurred on February 13. A moment of silence was held for the deceased students as well as the students who are recovering in the hospital.

The agenda was approved as amended by postponing Item #9, “Referral from Steering Committee re SIRS Revision” to the next meeting. Associate Provost Largent stated that in place of #9, per request from the Provost, to have a discussion of the extension of credit/no credit (C/NC) timing and scope.

The minutes were approved for January 5, 2023

The minutes were approved for January 19, 2023

The minutes for February 2, 2023 were approved as amended by correcting a sentence on page 2 to read, “The Minor is designed to be a focused exploration of literature and cultural studies”.

**Comments from the Chairperson**

Chairperson Tessmer did not have any comments.

**Comments from the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education**

Associate Provost Largent briefly spoke regarding the tragic events of February 13 and opted to discuss the C/NC option later in the agenda.

**Request for a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics-Secondary Education (Action Item)**

Kyle Greenwalt, Associate Director of Teacher Preparation, College of Education

The committee granted voice to Dr. Greenwalt.

Dr. Greenwalt stated that for the past five years, the State of Michigan has been updating its standards for pre K-12 teachers which began with standards for the preparation of elementary teachers and now core secondary areas are being updated. New standards exist for the preparation of English, Mathematics and Science teachers.

It was noted that this is not a mathematics major, however it is a secondary education mathematics major which allows for an education focus on a student’s transcript.

For Science majors, (see request below) the state is moving away from having teacher candidates certified in a particular subject area, such as Biology, Physics, or Chemistry and would like all candidates to first obtain the group major so they would be certified to teach any science subject.

Voice was removed from Dr. Greenwalt.

The following motion passed unanimously.

***The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the Request for a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics-Secondary Education with the understanding that formatting would be reviewed in regard to credit counts.***

**Request for a New Bachelor of Science Degree in Integrated Science-Secondary Education (Action Item)**

Kyle Greenwalt, Associate Director of Teacher Preparation, College of Education

The committee granted voice to Dr. Greenwalt.

A correction was requested regarding credit count in the Biology concentration, third section, F3.

Voice was removed from Dr. Greenwalt.

The following motion passed unanimously.

***The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the Request for a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Integrated Science-Secondary Education.***

**Referral from Steering Committee re SIRS Revision (This agenda item is being postponed.)**

Marilyn Amey, Asst. Provost for Faculty & Academic Staff Development

Jim Lucas, Asst. Dean, Global Education & Curriculum

Associate Provost Largent led a discussion for guidance at the request of interim President Woodruff and interim Provost Jeitschko regarding policy adaptations that can be made temporarily or permanently to the C/NC policy. A request has been made by students to reinstate this policy due to the February 13 tragic incident on campus.

An in-depth discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of adapting the C/NC policy for the current semester. Items discussed included: the time frame allowed for the Registrar's office to accept a C/NC grade, classes that C/NC can be applied to, how C/NC may affect accreditations in certain majors, the numerical grade threshold that a C/NC can be applied to, and how a gpa could be affected.

A motion was made and approved for spring 2023 semester only, to reinstate the C/NC grade reporting option for all undergraduate classes.

**Committee Report: Course Equivalency for Semester Abroad Experiences**

Matt Zierler: Chairperson

Chairperson Zierler reported that the committee met for the first time last week. Education Abroad is discussing the course equivalency issue noting that some of the problems exist with the process and

certain policies being decentralized. The committee plans to share recommendations at the end of this semester with the goal being to bring clarity to the students when planning for study abroad.

**Committee Report: Presence Absence, and Short Leaves**

Tom Summerhill, Chairperson

Chairperson Summerhill reported that the committee will be meeting next Thursday and there are no new items to report.

**Committee Report: SIRS Replacement Task Force**

Patty West, Kathy Gallo, Antoinette Tessmer

Chairperson West thanked UCUE for their feedback in relation to the information and questions that were shared at the last UCUE meeting. The committee has compiled information from UCUE's recommendations and are deliberating on what the questions for SIRS might be, their purposes, etc.

**Roundtable**

Conversations were shared about the tragic incident on campus Monday, February 13.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Frechen.