

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Undergraduate Education
DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, April 6, 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, Ebony Green, Aaron Iturralde, Marissa King, Mark Largent, Emilia Marcyk-Taylor, Vashti Sawtelle, Linda Sayed, Chris Scales, Steve Shablin, Robin Silbergleid, Joy Speas, Thomas Summerhill, Antoinette Tessmer, Tiffany Wahl for Alexandra Thrubis Stanley, Patty West, Matthew Zierler

Absent: Lauren Bullard, Joshua Ennis, Jonelle Golding, Steven Gray, Chris Kaiser, Soja Kureekkattil, Helen Mayer, Tyler Silvestri, Alexandra Thrubis Stanley, Brandon Webster

Note: Mike Callahan is on leave, Spring, 2023.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved for March 16, 2023.

Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson Tessmer confirmed that UCUE's last meeting of the academic year will be held in person on April 20 in the STEM Bldg., Rm. 2110. Lunch will follow the meeting. There will be an option to join the meeting remotely.

Elections for the following will be held at the April 20 meeting: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, representative to the Athletic Council, and representative to the Military Education Advisory Committee.

Comments from the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Associate Provost Largent informed members that the Quinn Emanuel report has been posted on the Board of Trustees website. The report was commissioned by the Board of Trustees to evaluate MSU's Title IX office and the case study of the resignation of Dean Sanjay Gupta.

Associate Provost Largent reported that he attended a Big Ten meeting of the Associate Provosts at Purdue University on April 3 and 4 and shared what some of our peer institutions are trying to manage: challenges with DEI efforts, tuition shortfalls, financial crises, and leadership challenges. All Universities expressed support for MSU regarding the February 13 campus tragedy.

Chairperson Tessmer shared information on the upcoming Presidential search. The Steering Committee was asked to propose guidelines for the search and is recommending for an open search. She reported that eight spots will be reserved for faculty to be on the committee and that faculty will soon receive a nomination form to self-nominate or to nominate someone else.

Request to Delete the Admission Requirement for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Actuarial Science (Action Item)

Albert Cohen, Director, Actuarial Science Program, College of Natural Science

The committee granted voice to Dr. Cohen.

Dr. Cohen noted that a Sports Analytics certificate program was recently created.

Dr. Cohen reported on the current credentials of actuarial science, the push for including more data science in the program, and how to encourage more students to enter the field. Efforts are being made to increase access and inclusivity and to have courses more numerically and computationally focused. Plans to modernize the program include more data and computer science classes. It was noted that the industry needs students with more programming skills.

Chairperson Tessmer noted the following discrepancies in total credits:

- Last page under new requirements, point d, number of credits is listed as 6 – 8 and should read 7 – 8 credits.
- Last page under new requirements, point k, the sum of the 6 courses listed is 19 credits and not 15, and noted that CSE 231 is being moved to a different section.

Voice was removed from Dr. Cohen.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Delete the Admission Requirement for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Actuarial Science.

Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Care and Education (Action Item)

Brent Donnellan, Associate Dean, College of Social Science
Jinny Hahn, Human Development and Family Studies

The committee granted voice to Associate Dean Donnellan.

Associate Dean Donnellan reported that this is a small enrollment program offered in collaboration with the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance that started in 2016. The program currently has only one student enrolled who will graduate this summer. The program has had traditionally low enrollment and has become a financial burden to the unit.

Voice was removed from Associate Dean Donnellan.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Care and Education.

Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agriculture Technology Certificate in Horse Management (Action Item)

Dorcia Chaison, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The committee granted voice to Assistant Dean Chaison.

Assistant Dean Chaison reported that the Department of Animal Science has restructured in order to move the Equine Studies program forward. The horse management program has been unsuccessful with its connections to learning objectives and career goals. Per University policy, this program was in moratorium first and therefore the discontinuance is being requested.

Voice was removed from Assistant Dean Chaison.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Agriculture Technology Certificate in Horse Management.

Committee Report: Course Equivalency for Semester Abroad Experiences

Matt Zierler: Chairperson

Chairperson Zierler hopes to have a document for UCUE to review at the last meeting. Due to the complicated nature of this committee, the work will need to carry forward into the next academic year.

Committee Report: Presence Absence, and Short Leaves

Tom Summerhill, Chairperson

Chairperson Summerhill reported that the Committee has drafted a report that will be shared with UCUE at the last meeting. Recommendations include the following: a revision of the University's attendance policy as stated in the Academic Programs catalog, the University create a portal for reporting absences that is modeled after the Grief Absence policy portal that currently exists, Rights and Responsibilities be published in Spartan Life and the Faculty Handbook.

Committee Report: SIRS Replacement Task Force

Patty West, Kathy Gallo, Antoinette Tessmer

A committee update was inadvertently skipped. Chairperson Tessmer provided an update after the meeting that was emailed to members.

Roundtable

Aaron Iturralde reported that ASMSU are having spring elections and asked UCUE members to remind their students to vote. The General Assembly will be having their final meeting tonight with 28 pieces of legislation. He hopes to introduce his successor at UCUE's next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Frechen.