

University Committee of Undergraduate Education

Draft Minutes

October 24, 2024



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Present: Chastity Warren, Alexandra Stanley, Emin Kutay, Gary Blanchard, Andrea Varricchione, Thomas Summerhill, Inge Steglitz, Jennifer Goett, Amanda Idema; Vashti Sawtelle, Kathleen Gallo, Laura Thompson, Joy Davis, David Hogan, Marissa King, Ebony Green, Helen Mayer, Justin Micomonaco, Sung Ham, Rebecca Malouin, Vansh Kher, Jasnoor Kaur, Mark Largent

Absent:

A regular meeting of the University Committee of Undergraduate Education was held on October 24, 2024 at 10:15 via Zoom with Chastity Warren presiding. The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks from the Chair: Please refer to the MSUvote.edu about candidates and where to vote.

Remarks from the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education: Two planned sit-ins on campus tomorrow in Hannah Administration building- if you have business in the building, get it done tomorrow. Vice Provost is happy to see engagement in these advocacy events, because the

We were unable to secure individuals to talk about the curriculum requests. We are finding that the requests for certificates are coming from areas that

Leadership changes, Nassar, etc, we have had a rough go, but with the Bus Tour, Dr. Largent has never felt as optimistic about this university. Ate apples everywhere we went. Got freaked out about PFAS. But overall the best parts of the tour is how he was able to engage with colleagues. Faculty of all areas, woman who runs the Sparty mascot program, etc. It is intended that there will be another bus tour next year. It will occur during fall break again and it is WELL worth it. This comes from someone who does not engage in activities such as this since it is hard to travel with family at home.

Curriculum Requests:

Korean, BA- deferred discussion to November 7th meeting

Global Health, UNC2- deferred discussion to November 7th meeting

Comments from floor:

We spoke about the Digital Learning survey in last meeting and that survey has since closed. We spoke with Jason Beaudin about the D2L Utilization and we invited him to the November 7th meeting to discuss this along with our survey. The utilization of D2L is “abysmal” so we need to discuss & understand how to manage this along with the fact that there are 54 learning different systems that students have to interact with around 2-3 different ones each semester.

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Jennifer Goett reached out to Jim Lucas to thank him for developing it since it was useful/concise. She initiated a conversation about creation of the same type of chart for Majors & minors. There is a potential issue with this (per Dr. Largent). Since we were able to create the chart for certificates from scratch but with Majors & Minors there are many majors that may not meet a rubric's requirement, or the chart would be so shallow that it may not help. We could possibly grandfather in existing majors or something like that in order to overcome that issue, but something in the middle to help lead those who are not normally immersed in it. Perhaps this should wait until after HLC (re-accreditation) review is complete such as next fall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:46am.

Racheal Sandford

Approved: