

# University Committee of Undergraduate Education

Draft Minutes

November 8, 2024



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**Present:** Chastity Warren, Alexandra Stanley, Amanda Idema, Andrea Varricchione, Anne Violin-Wigent, Charlene Polio (non-member), David Hogan, Gary Blanchard, Helen Mayer, Jennifer Goett, Joy Davis (non-member), Kathleen Gallo, Laura Thompson, Marissa King, Rebecca Malouin, Robin Silberfleid (non-member), Sung Ham, Tom Summerhill, Vansh Kher, Vashti Sawtelle, Jason Beaudin (non-member), Ebony Green (non-member)

**Absent:**

A regular meeting of the University Committee of Undergraduate Education was held on November 7, 2024, at 10:15am via Zoom with Chastity Warren presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the October 24, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

**Remarks from the Vice Provost:** Stressful week due to the election. Remember that some of your students are happy about the results so please do not go into the classroom expressing your disappointment.

If, for any reason, you cannot be in front of classroom, it is your responsibility to contact your unit lead and try to find an appropriate alternative. There were several classes cancelled yesterday.

There were 2 new Board members elected so we will have 2 republicans among 6 democrats. Governance is involved with the board so we may see some interaction with them.

Faculty are responsible for curriculum and ultimately any reforms made must come through this committee then move through the system, but the president is saying he would like to put resources toward Gen Ed reform. This will be the first time since 1992. There is one model- distribution model- every student must take classes associated with a discipline from a bucket of courses. Another model is topical- must take a class that involves a certain topic. We currently have a integrative studies model- every student has to take integrative study requirements within separate colleges; humanities, science, etc. Faculty will be asked to either recommit, adapt, or create new.

**Korean BA:** Korean is fastest growing language in language department. Support for it across campus- Asian Studies has funded 2 fixed term faculty creating courses for this major as well as recruitment. Have a proposal to Korean group to request funding for a tenure stream faculty. Amend "Education Abroad Requirement" to "Education Abroad" to eliminate confusion. This major could move forward without any additional instructional staff. Motion to approve passed with majority vote.

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**Global Health Certificate:** Created in response to University's request for certificate offerings. This certificate serves all types of students, but not non-students. Need to ensure economic sustainability for the 2 additional courses named in this certificate curriculum.

Motion passed to support with understanding that there will be a clear plan for sustainable offerings for all courses for certification.

**Popular Culture Studies Minor** for Moratorium: Very few students are enrolled- 3 currently with 2 graduating. There is a path for current students laid out to complete minor.

Motion to support moratorium for Minor: Passed with majority in favor.

**Representative for University Military Education Advisory Committee:** Voted to have Gary Blanchard as our representative.

**D2L Utilization:** Data from D2L is not readily accessible and must try to interpret by putting together multiple paths of data. Fall to Spring comparison shown. Data is still being refined. Depending on how administration would like to utilize this data, we could either be pushed to use one platform or try to make the digital learning experience for students better in some other way; first, we are working to get the data to the point where the correct information is reflected. IT is looking for feedback as to better the data to better reflect use. Suggested to try to pull data based on content delivery. Also suggested to look at the number of student logins.

For the digital learning survey, students & faculty could interpret LMS as different things.

We will be bringing in someone to discuss accessibility, especially within LMSs in future meetings. Jason Beaudin has been asked to come to future meetings, once a month, to discuss this data.

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

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Racheal Sandford

**Approved:**