

University Committee of Undergraduate Education

Draft Minutes

January 9, 2025



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Present: Chastity Warren, Alexandria Stanley, Garth Sabo, Mark Largent, Andrea Varricchione, Amanda Idema, Gary Blanchard, Jeno Rivera (non-member), Justin Micomono, Jennifer Goett, Helen Mayer, Laura Thompson, Ahmed Amir, Marissa King, Inge Steglitz, Rachel Barnard, Ryan Shadbolt, Susannah Dorfman (non-member), Rebecca Malouin, Kathleen Gallo, Tom Summerhill, Ryan Shadbolt (non-member), Ebony Green (non-member)

Absent:

A regular meeting of the University Committee of Undergraduate Education was held on January 9, 2025 at 10:15am via Zoom with Chastity Warren presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting were approved as amended.

Remarks from the Chairperson: We have a lot of work moving forward so thank you for being part of this committee.

Remarks from the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education: Thank you to this committee, as you are the reason for shifting the calendar to give us this extra week prior to starting Spring Semester classes.

Curriculum Requests:

Geophysics Minor: Looking to establish a program to benefit Engineering & Natural Science, specifically, but across multiple degrees. Has strong overlap with 3 programs. For students who are already enrolled in environmental engineering, the only additional course work is the geophysics course work. These classes already exist and are under subscribed thus far and this would allow for more demand and running of classes to support this program. Motion to approve was passed with majority vote.

Climate Change Studies Minor: Includes one new course- intro to Climate Change Studies and will be taught by Ryan Shadbolt along with one other existing professor so no new resources. Motion to approve was passed with majority vote.

Food Technology & Safety Certificate: This is a proposal to put on-campus program to extend community college programs that already exist. Motion to approve was passed with majority vote.

NOTE: REQUEST THAT THE REQUESTING DEPARTMENT FOR ALL CURRICULUM REQUESTS STATE IN COMMENTS THAT THE NAMED COURSES WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY RESOURCED FOR TIME BEING. Sufficient comment was made for the Food Technology & Safety Certificate. Mark will reach out to Joy to request to change dropdown for funding so that discussion does not need to be had for each curriculum request to add additional information moving forward.

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Round Table: No topics.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:36am.

Racheal Sandford

Approved: