

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Undergraduate Education
DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, October 1, 2020
10:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Via Zoom

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Present: Brianna Aiello, Rich Bellon, Glenn Chambers, Andy Corner, Deb Dotterer, Corey Drake, Jan Eberle, Richard Enbody, Kathleen Gallo, David Gilstrap, Sejuti Das Gupta, Aubrey Hanes, Aaron Iturralde, Mark Largent, Gina Leininger, Sheng-Mei Ma, Chloe Majzel, Dan Manville, Helen Mayer, Justin Micomonaco, Steve Shablin, Tyler Silvestri, Emily Tabuteau, Antoinette Tessmer, Elizabeth Webster, Patty West, Scot Yoder

Absent:

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved for September 3, 2020.

The minutes were approved as amended for September 24, 2020 by changing “Elizabeth” Tabuteau’s name to “Emily” Tabuteau.

Comments from the Chairperson

There were no comments from Chairperson Corner.

Comments from the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Associate Provost Largent referenced two recent misleading media reports: 1) A recent news report that indicated differing numbers of positive test results for COVID-19 for MSU and the Ingham County Health Department. He explained how the testing process and HIPPA regulations would indicate a discrepancy in the reporting. 2) Presidents of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University saying classes will be entirely online for Spring, 2021. Associate Provost Largent stated that MSU will continue to have restricted operations on campus, be mostly online with a limited number of people living on campus, and a limited number of in person classes. The degree to which MSU will be open is being determined by the path of the pandemic as well as decisions being made by the Colleges and RHS. Colleges and RHS are determining a triage list for higher priority in-person classes and higher priority on campus living.

Associate Provost Largent reported that a small number of students are now in MSU’s disciplinary process for not following public health guidelines in regard to the pandemic. Associate Provost Largent meets with students to determine if their interim suspension can be lifted. He stated that MSU’s misconduct policies are focused on restorative justice and an educative model, opposed to being punitive and disciplinary. A discussion was held on the meaning of MSU’s Community Compact. After discussion, Associate Provost Largent reported that it is likely that President Stanley will adopt to not have a spring break. President Stanley is seriously considering adding study days spread throughout this semester.

A brief discussion was held regarding the stress created from students' being pressured to sign leases now for the next academic year.

Request for a New Minor in Business (Action Item)

Cheri Speier-Pero, Associate Dean, Eli Broad College of Business

The Committee granted voice to Associate Dean Speier-Pero.

Associate Dean Speier-Pero indicated that the Broad College is expecting the minor to be in high demand and is being designed to handle a large volume of students. There is not a specific admission process for the minor only that in order to be considered, a student must have been formally accepted into a degree program at MSU. This minor is designed to provide students who are not majoring in a Broad College of Business major a pathway to take a breadth of courses providing them awareness of key business concepts.

Voice was removed from Associate Dean Speier-Pero.

The following motion passed unanimously.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education duly considered and endorsed the request for a New Minor in Business.

Request for a New Linked Bachelor of Arts in Finance and Master of Science in Financial Planning and Wealth Management (Action Item)

Andrei Simonov, Department Chair, Finance, Eli Broad Graduate School of Management

Cheri Speier-Pero, Associate Dean, Eli Broad College of Business

The Committee granted voice to Dr. Simonov.

Dr. Simonov provided background on the request indicating there will be interest in the program due to the fact that many Certified Financial Planners will be retiring in the next five to ten years. This program will be available to students outside of the Broad College and will be designed as a one-year Master's program.

A brief discussion was held regarding which undergraduate classes could be transferred toward the completion of the Master's degree. Due to confusion regarding the linked program, UCUE made a motion to Table the request for a future UCUE meeting. Motion passed.

Voice was removed from Dr. Simonov.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education Tabled the request for a New Linked Bachelor of Arts in Finance and Master of Science in Financial Planning and Wealth Management.

Request for a New Minor in Migration Studies (Action Item)

Walter Hawthorne, Associate Dean, College of Social Science.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, a representative was not in attendance from the College of Social Science to respond to questions regarding the Request.

A motion was made for Emily Tabuteau to discuss the nature of Minors in the College of Social Science. Motion passed.

Dr. Tabuteau provided a historical background on Minors in the College of Social Science. A discussion was held regarding what courses outside of the College of Social Science could be added for the Minor. Sheng-Mei Ma agreed to send suggestions to Emily Tabuteau.

A motion was made to Table the request until a representative with additional information regarding the Minor could attend a future UCUE meeting. Motion passed.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education Tabled the request for a New Minor in Migration Studies.

Integrative Studies Transfer Recommendations (Discussion Item)

Jim Lucas, Assistant Dean, Global Education and Curriculum

Stephen Thomas, Curriculum Development, College of Natural Science

Nicola Imbracsio, Curriculum Development, Center for Integrated Studies in Arts and Humanities

Assistant Dean Lucas referenced a document that was shared with UCUE prior to the meeting which outlined policy change recommendations from the Integrative Studies Enhancement Working Group (ISWG). The recommendations are related to an inquiry from the SIS Reform Project regarding Integrative Studies policy and practice regarding transfer credits. The recommendations are:

- Pre and Post Matriculation Transfer Policy
- Course Review and Appeal Process
- Diversity Distribution Requirement
- Credit Count
- Repeat Credits

After a discussion on the five recommendations, Emily Tabuteau pointed out that in recommendation #4, the credits total 19, and not 20 as written in the document. Deb Dotterer noted how important it is to carefully review a student's transfer credits in relation to the rules for integrative studies. Assistant Dean Lucas noted that the effective term of implementation is for the entering class of fall, 2021.

Roundtable

There were no items reported for Roundtable.