



Faculty Senate Courses & Curricula Committee Meeting

1:00pm, 25 February 2025

129 Himes Hall

Minutes of the meeting

Attendance: Michael Kaller (Chair), Lee Daigle (ex-officio), Jackie Bach (ex-Officio), Rendy Kartika, Claire Sassick Young (Ex-officio), Tricia Cobb (ex-Officio), Dan Sheehy, Robin LeMaire, Suresh Moorthy, Lauren Coats, Subramaniam Sathivel, Brooke Dubansky, Gerald Knapp,

Absent: Leonard Ray (Associate Chair), Matthew Hiatt (Secretary), Andrea Abad (ex-officio), Margaret Fitch (ex-officio)

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Courses & Curricula (FSCC) Committee convened at 1:00pm 129 Himes Hall at the LSU Campus, with the Chair being present. Suresh Moorthy took the minutes. There were no public comments, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously. Michael Kaller read out a communication from the Faculty Senate that DEI statements needs to be removed from all published data. Committee deferred to Senate executive committee to clarify if published data included syllabi and course information published on the Moodle and/or other associated teaching platforms used by the faculty towards instructions.

- SCI 3200: Robin Lemaire reviewed the proposal with a note for the department to consider rewording the Student self-questionnaire (on page 8) to better reflect on student's assessment capabilities. Robin Lemaire made the motion to accept, Rendy Kartika seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- GEOL 4053: Michael Kaller noted that the suggested revisions were not made in the new syllabus. Brooke Dubiansky moved and Gerald Knapp seconded to return to department to revise and resubmit proposal.
- GEOL 4055: Michael Kaller noted that suggested revisions were made in this proposal. Dan Sheehy moved, Gerald Knapp seconded and the proposal was approved unanimously.
- MEDP 4210: Dan Sheehy reviewed the proposal and moved for conditional approval, with changes to a +/- grade distribution and adding the missing contact hours in Form A. Gerald Knapp seconded and the proposal was conditionally approved, subject to suggested changes.
- GEOL 2001:- Dan Sheehy moved to approve proposal to change prerequisites to attract non-geology majors. Suresh Moorthy seconded and approved unanimously.
- GEOL 2002: Dan Sheehy noted that the justification needs to read "GEOL1201 and GEOL1001" rather than "GEOL1202 and GEOL 1001". He moved to approve proposal to change prerequisites to attract non-geology majors. Lauren Coats seconded and approved conditionally with changes to justification.

- GEOL 4012 & GEOL 4020 & GEOL 4253: Gerald Knapp moved to approve proposal to remove Geology prerequisites to attract majors in other disciplines. Lauren Coats seconded and all three proposals were approved unanimously.
- BIOL 4253: Gerald Knapp moved to approve proposal to include newly developed MATH1520 as an alternate prerequisite. Robin Lemaire seconded and proposal was approved unanimously.
- BS BCH curriculum and BIOL Curriculum: Rendy Kartika proposed approval of proposal to include new developed MATH1520 as an alternate option in the curriculum. Gerald Knapp seconded and proposal was approved unanimously.
- BIOL Data Science : Michael Kaller noted that the department needs to refer to PS45 and demonstrate how 30% of non ILC classes count for other concentrations. Robin Lemaire moved, Gerald Knapp seconded and the committee voted to return proposal to department for clarifications.
- MBIO curriculum: Dan Sheehy proposed approval of proposal to include new developed MATH1520 as an alternate option in the curriculum. Suresh Moorthy seconded and proposal was approved unanimously.
- MATH 1510 & MATH1520: Gerald Knapp moved to approve proposal to remove "Biomathematics" from the course title to better reflect student disciplines requiring the course. Robin LeMaire seconded and both proposals were approved unanimously.
- CHEM Adding conc. (Carbon Capture) Proposal was tabled as the reviewer was absent.
- CHEM 4430: Rendy Kartika noted that the catalog statement needs to be rewritten, round-off on grade distribution needs to be clarified, missing statements on class attendance, use of disability services, academic continuity plan, course modality and course communication policy . He also noted that the course objectives need to be itemized and moved to return proposal to department to revise and resubmit. Gerald Knapp seconded and motion to revise and resubmit was approved.
- PETE grad. Lauren Coats reviewed the modification in the graduate curriculum requirements to have lesser course work and increased research. Lauren Coats moved and Gerald Knapp seconded and the committee approved to accept the proposal
- CE2450 & CE3400 & IE3302: Lauren Coats reviewed the proposal add 1 contact hour for recitation sessions in these classes. Though supportive of the idea, committee was not clear if 2 credit hour lecture could meet for 3 contact hours. Proposals were tabled for clarification from Andrea Abad.
- ACCT 8900 & ACCT 8901: Robin LeMaire reviewed proposal to change number of credit hours to a variable 1-9, to allow students to complete research papers over multiple semesters.
- ACCT 8901: change to 1-9 credit hrs. Robin LeMaire noted that syllabi were not in the required format and it was not clear how many credit hours a completed research paper would be given. Robin LeMaire moved to send the proposal to the department to revise and resubmit. Rendy Kartika seconded and the committee approved unanimously.
- KIN 1109:- Robin LeMaire reviewed the proposal to add a course on Yoga. She noted that the syllabus had two AI statements, was missing expectations, a statement on the nature of the exams given. She also noted a grading scale for A-F grade distribution was not required a pass-fail course and should therefore be removed from the syllabus. Robin Lemaire moved to return proposal to department to revise and resubmit, Lauren Coats seconded and committee approved the motion unanimously.

- KIN1110: Robin LeMaire reviewed proposal to a new course on Pickleball. She noted that the syllabus was missing statements on academic continuity and course expectations. She also noted that the A-F letter grade distribution in the syllabus should be removed as the proposed course was for Pass/Fail grade. Robin LeMaire moved to conditionally approve subject to proposed changes, Lauren Coats seconded and the committee approved the motion.
- KIN7506:- Robin LeMaire moved to table the proposal until the department better explains on the need for a year-long residency to be fitted into a single variable credit hour course, Subramaniam Sathivel seconded and the committee approved the motion anonymously.
- Drop Soc. Grad program” Gerald Knapp moved to approve proposal to drop MS program in Human Development and Family Science, due to lack of enrollment. Lauren Coats seconded and committee approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Suresh Moorthy, Member