

**Minutes of the Curriculum Committee  
Gordon Ford College of Business  
December 16, 2020**

Members present included Drs. Evelyn Thrasher (Chair), Sean Marston, Johnny Chan, Charles Kile, Aquesha Daniels, Mary Jane Gardner, Dennis Wilson, Sandy Patterson, LeAnne Coder (AOL), Patricia Todd (guest), Alex Lebedinsky (guest), Stacey Forsythe (guest), Danita Kelly (guest)

Meeting started at 2:00pm via Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Thrasher asked for a motion to approve the October 21, 2020, minutes. Dr. Chan motioned and Dr. Marston seconded. All favored and minutes were approved with no corrections or discussions.

**Action Items**

Proposal to Create a New Certificate Program – Esports Management

- Dr. Thrasher asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Marston motioned and Dr. Gardner seconded.
- Dr. Todd and Dr. Forsythe described the interdisciplinary collaboration and appeal of the certificate, predicted favorable enrollments based on MKT426 demand, and presented favorable market demand for the certificate.
- All favored and the proposal was approved.

Proposal to Create a Course – Financial Mathematics

- Dr. Thrasher asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Wilson motioned and Dr. Marston seconded.
- Dr. Lebedinsky explained that this course will be housed in the Finance Department but will be taught by faculty in the Economics Department due to the content and connection to the actuarial science program. He further discussed the need for this course to prepare students for the Financial Mathematics exam, an important exam for those who wish to become actuaries. He confirmed that Excel will not be a significant component of the course, as Excel is not allowed on the Financial Mathematics exam. The course has been approved by both the Economics Department and the Finance Department.
- All favored and the proposal was approved with a friendly amendment to correct a typographical error in section 5.5.

Proposal to Revise a Program – Mathematical Economics

- Dr. Thrasher asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Daniels motioned and Dr. Gardner seconded.
- Dr. Lebedinsky explained that these revisions include the addition of FIN334 (Financial Mathematics) as a required course in the Actuarial Science concentration. A second revision is to add STAT330 (Introduction to Statistical Software) so that students can select from CS170, CS180, or STAT330 in the Actuarial Science concentration. These revisions will better prepare students for the Financial Mathematics Exam and will allow them the option to learn SAS and R as part of their academic program.
- All favored and the proposal was approved.
- Dr. Thrasher will check the status of the proposal with OCSE and coordinate with them to submit the proposal to the UCC, if fully approved by both committees.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.**