

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**August 25, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pam Petty called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She announced that the committee was in the process of recruiting membership from the colleges and that copies of the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog were available for those present. Chair Petty welcomed the new members, and all present were asked to introduce themselves.

**Members present were:** \*Darlene Applegate, \*Kristy Branham, \*Ashley Chance-Fox, \*LeAnne Coder, Freida Eggleton, Andrew Ernst, Sylvia Gaiko, \*Scott Grubbs, \*Molly Kerby, \*Mikhail Khenner, \*Grace Lartey, \*Suellen Lathrop, Andrew McMichael, \*Clay Motley, Retta Poe, \*John White, \*Maribeth Wilson, \*Cassie Zippay.

**Alternate member present:** Eric Bain-Selbo.

\*Indicates voting members

**II. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Petty thanked the committee members for their support during her term as chair.

**III. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR**

The floor was opened for nominations for the 2011-2012 UCC Chair. John White called attention to the UCC By-laws which state that the Chair must also be a University Senate Representative. There were seven eligible candidates present, and all declined nomination. Darlene Applegate made a motion to suspend the rule that requires the Chair to be a Senate college representative and allow any Senator to be eligible to chair the UCC. The motion was seconded by Molly Kerby. The motion passed unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair.

Molly Kerby nominated John White, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations, and he was elected by acclamation.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair.

Kristy Branham nominated Ashley Chance-Fox, who accepted the nomination. The question was raised as to whether a non-Senator Vice Chair could fulfill the role of the UCC Chair on the Senate Executive Committee in case of absence of the Chair. According to the UCC By-laws, the Vice Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair. There were no other nominations, and Ashley Chance-Fox was elected by acclamation.

Chair White appointed Molly Kerby, Retta Poe, LeAnne Coder and Freida Eggleton as members of the Steering Subcommittee.

Chair White appointed Andrew McMichael, Cassie Zippay and Freida Eggleton as members of the Academic Policy Subcommittee.

Chair White appointed Melna Wilson as Recorder and Joan Krenzin as Parliamentarian. Election proceedings were closed.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Molly Kerby moved approval of the minutes of the UCC meeting on April 28, 2011. The motion was seconded by Maribeth Wilson. The minutes were amended to include Sylvia Gaiko in attendance. The minutes were approved as amended.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Steering Subcommittee Report:** Molly Kerby reported that the committee needs to meet again concerning the form revisions and will provide a report at the next UCC meeting.

**B. Academic Policy Subcommittee Report:** Chair White referred the membership to the course equivalency policy proposed by Provost Gordon Emslie for courses with different prefixes that are deemed to be equivalent.

Darlene Applegate made a motion to refer this policy to the Steering Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Maribeth Wilson.

Kelley Madole, Chair of the University Senate, was present to offer discussion concerning the appropriateness of involving the UCC in a decision to establish criteria and guidelines when determining course equivalencies between departments. The question concerning transfer course equivalencies was addressed, and it was clarified that the course equivalency proposal only affected WKU courses. The Steering Subcommittee would also be advised to give due diligence to Paragraph II, Sub-paragraph 1, "must have essentially the same curriculum."

There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

### REPORT FROM THE POTTER COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Molly Kerby moved approval of the following **proposals to revise course catalog listings:**

##### **Department of English**

Course Title:	ENG 465 Film Genres
Credit Hours:	3.0
Current Listing:	Study of the historical development, thematic and stylistic conventions, and cultural significance of film genre(s). Surveys representative films from one or two genres, e.g. film noir and the Western; romantic comedy and family melodrama; horror and science fiction; the musical; the war film; the epic.
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Implementation:	Spring 2012

### **School of Journalism and Broadcasting**

Course Title: JOUR 495 Collaborative Journalism  
Credit Hours: 3.0  
Current Prerequisites: Prerequisites: JOUR 362 (photo majors); JOUR 325 (News/Editorial majors); BCOM 361 or 366 or 368 (Broadcasting majors); JOUR 443 (Ad majors); JOUR 358 (PR majors); or permission of sequence coordinator; and consent of the instructor or participation in iMedia certification.  
Proposed Prerequisites: Prerequisites: JOUR 362 (photo majors); JOUR 302 (News/Editorial); BCOM 361 or 366 or 368 (Broadcasting); JOUR 443 (Advertising); JOUR 358 (public relations); or permission of sequence coordinator; and consent of the instructor or participation in iMedia certification.  
Implementation: Fall 2012

The motion was seconded by LeAnne Coder. The motion carried.

## **REPORT FROM THE OGDEN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ashley Chance-Fox moved approval of the following **course revisions**:

#### **Department of Chemistry**

##### **Revise a Course Catalog Listing:**

Course Title: CHEM 330 Quantitative Analysis  
Credit Hours: 5.0  
Current Listing: Prerequisites: CHEM 222-223 with a grade of "C" or better. A study of the common techniques and theory of gravimetric, volumetric, electrochemical, and optical methods of analysis. Lecture, 3 hours; laboratory, 2 hours. Laboratory meets four and one-half hours per week. (Course fee)  
Proposed Listing: Prerequisites: CHEM 222-223 with a grade of "C" or better. A study of the common techniques and theory of gravimetric, volumetric, electrochemical, and optical methods of analysis. Lecture, 3 hours; laboratory, 2 hours. Laboratory meets four and one-half hours per week. Priority for registration for this course will be given to rising sophomores and rising juniors. (Course fee)  
Implementation: Spring 2012

#### **Department of Physics and Astronomy**

##### **Revise Course Prerequisites:**

Course Title: ASTR 405 Astronomy for Teachers  
Credit Hours: 3.0  
Current Prerequisites: ASTR 104 or ASTR 106 or ASTR 108 or ASTR 214  
Proposed Prerequisites: ASTR 104 or ASTR 106 or ASTR 214  
Implementation: Spring 2012

Course Title: PHYS 410 Physics for Teachers

Credit Hours: 3.0  
Current Prerequisites: PHYS 105 or PHYS 201 or PHYS 231 or PHYS 255  
Proposed Prerequisites: PHYS 201 or PHYS 231 or PHYS 255  
Implementation: Spring 2012

The motion was seconded by Darlene Applegate. The motion carried.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

Darlene Applegate moved approval of the following **proposal to create a new course from the Department of Physics and Astronomy:**

Course Title: PHYS 359 Clinical Optics  
Abbreviated Course Title: Clinical Optics  
Credit Hours: 4.0  
Prerequisite: PHYS 332, 233 (*Friendly amendment to include corequisite in listing*)  
Catalog Listing: The optics of the human eye and of corrective lenses for common eye defects. (*Friendly amendment to revise listing*).  
Implementation: Spring 2012

*Friendly amendment to strike "three" from 3.3:*

**3.3** Student expectations and requirements: Performance will be evaluated based upon exams, participation in laboratory activities, and written laboratory reports.

The statement of the rationale relative to the benefit of the student was called into question, and it was agreed to "friendly amend" the statement to be more descriptive and explain how students will benefit from taking the course. Andy Ernest will update the proposal to reflect the recommendations of the committee and submit the changes to Chair White.

The motion was seconded by Grace Lartey. The motion carried.

Molly Kerby made a motion to approve the following proposal **to create a new course from the Department of Physics and Astronomy:**

Course Title: PHYS 379 Nanotechnology in Biophysics and Medicine  
Abbreviated Course Title: Nanotech in Biop & Med  
Credit Hours: 4.0  
Prerequisites: PHYS 332, 233 or PHYS 265, 266 (*Friendly amendment to include corequisite in listing*)  
Catalog Listing: The physics of nanostructures and their bio-medical applications. (*Friendly amendment to revise listing*.)  
Implementation: Spring 2012

Darlene Applegate seconded the motion.

A correction to the prerequisite course number was noted. PHYS 333 does not exist and should be corrected to read PHYS 332. The statement of the rationale relative to the benefit of the student was called into question, and it was agreed to "friendly amend" the statement to be more descriptive and explain how students will benefit from taking the course. The proposal is missing sections 3.3 and 3.4.

Maribeth Wilson made a motion to post-pone definitely the proposal. The motion was seconded by Scott Grubs. The motion to post-pone definitely until the next meeting carried.

Darlene Applegate moved approval of the following **program revision from the Department of Physics and Astronomy**:

Program Title: Major in Physics  
Reference Number: 754  
Identification:

- Require PHYS 316 (Computational Physics) or PHYS 318 (Data Acquisition Using LabView) in the physics core.
- Reduce the number of physics elective hours from nine to six.
- Remove the computer science course from the list of required support courses.
- Add MATH 370 for applied physics students as an option for MATH 307 in the list of required support courses

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2012

Section 4 (Rationale), last paragraph, of the proposal will be “friendly amended” to reflect that MATH 370 is a new course added to the program and explain how students will benefit from taking the course.

The motion was seconded by Molly Kerby. The motion carried.

The following **program revision from the Department of Physics and Astronomy** could not be acted upon due to the postponement of the proposal to create a new course PHYS 379.

Program Title: Minor in Biophysics  
Reference Number: 328  
Identification:

- Add two courses to the list of options in the biophysics core
  - PHYS 359 Clinical Optics
  - PHYS 379 Bionanotechnology

Effective Catalog Year: Spring 2012

Friendly amendments were recommended to be added to the proposal prior to its next hearing:

- To include the complete course title for PHYS 370 in the Identification
- Section 4; include both of these courses in the list of options and an explanation as to why students will benefit from taking these courses.
- Change effective date to Fall 2012

Ashley Chance-Fox made a motion that the committee not consider curriculum proposals in the absence of the proponent or someone representing the proponent. The motion was seconded by Kristy Branham.

It was noted that in the past upon a motion and vote, the committee has at its discretion acted to either strike a proposal from the agenda or postpone definitely/indefinitely. The committee addressed a suggestion to encourage proponents or a designated representative for proposals on the agenda be present at the UCC meetings.

Chair White called for the vote. The motion failed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melna Wilson, Recorder