

Dina Bozicas, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Leslie Farris, Michael Geiger(absent), Mary Kate Keyes, Ryan McPherson, Jesus Reyes-Blanco, Walter Toomey, Wen Zhu, Kevin Petersen*, Julie Nash¹ (absent), Mai Nguyen¹, Yolanda Hood¹ (absent)*

*ex-officio, ¹ non-voting

Minutes

<https://uml.curriculog.com/agenda:138/form>

Meeting of Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) of Faculty Senate

October 15, 2024 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Saab ETIC – Perry Atrium

1. **Minutes of UPC Meeting September 16, 2024** (*Mike Geiger*)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2101/form> Motion to approve by Walter Toomey, second by Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti. **Approved.**
2. Policy Proposals - None
3. Program Proposals
 1. **B.A. Peace and Conflict Studies** (*Deina Abdelkader, Jason Carter*) – Change Plan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1990/form> Request to change the required courses, the list of approved electives, and the labels of the requirement lines that represent the list of approved electives. Walter Toomey noted that International Law was eliminated and asked if there is an issue. For this proposal the main task is to change the key courses now, and likely change list of electives again soon. The courses already exist. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Leslie Farris. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 2. **B.A. Psychology – Behavioral Analysis** (*Alice Frye*) – Change Plan/Subplan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2031/form> Request to change the required courses in the subplan, the minimum number of credits, and the admission requirements. The committee asked if the GPA requirement is for the degree or the subplan. The GPA from high school is already addressed; the 2.2 GPA will be required for students transferring into Psychology. Students can choose the general major or can choose one of the concentrations. Motion to approve by Dina Bozicas, second by Walter Toomey. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 3. **B.A. Psychology – Clinical** (*Alice Frye*) – Change Plan/Subplan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2034/form> **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**

4. **B.A. Psychology – Community** (*Alice Frye*) – Change Plan/Subplan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2030/form> Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
5. **B.A. Psychology – Developmental Disabilities** (*Alice Frye*) – Change Plan/Subplan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2032/form> Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
6. **B.A. Psychology – Health** (*Alice Frye*) – Change Plan/Subplan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2033/form> Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
7. **B.A. Sociology – Policy and Social Problems** (*Cheryl Llewellyn*) – Change List of Approved Electives <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2044/form> Request to add three 2000-level courses and remove one 2000-level course. Motion to approve by Leslie Farris, second by Dina Bozicas. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
8. **B.A. Sociology – Policy and Social Problems** (*Cheryl Llewellyn*) – Change List of Approved Electives <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2045/form> Request to add one 3000-level course and remove one 3000-level course. Motion to approve by Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, second by Leslie Farris. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
9. **Certificate - Digital Media** (*Pavel Romaniko, Kate Way*) – New Plan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1968/form> All required courses will be hosted through GPS. The department needs to create three courses for this certificate. The original proposal had 24-credits, but GPS pulled them back to fit the 18-20 credit window. The certificate will look at, among other things, short-form, quick attention-span stories (i.e. YouTube) and ethical considerations. Motion to approve by Walter Toomey, second by Jesus Reyes-Blanco. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
10. **Minor – Peace and Conflict Studies** (*Deina Abdelkader, Jason Carter*) – Change Plan <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2022/form> Request to change the required courses and the list of approved electives. Motion to approve by Leslie Farris, second by Dina Bozicas. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
11. **Minor – Video Game Studies** (*Misha Rabinovich*) – Change Plan
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2060/form> Request to change 9-credits at the 3000-level or above to 6-credits at the 3000-level or above. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Dina Bozicas. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.

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1. **B.S. Biomedical Engineering -** (*Walfre Franco*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2076/form>
2. **B.S. Chemical Engineering -** (*Sukesh Aghara*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2074/form>
3. **B.S. Computer Engineering** (*Jay Weitzen*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2077/form>

4. **B.S. Electrical Engineering** (*Jay Weitzen*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2078/form>
5. **B.S. Industrial Engineering** (*David Claudio*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2081/form>
6. **B.S. Mechanical Engineering** (*Chris Hansen*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2080/form>
7. **B.S. Plastics Engineering** (*Carol Barry*) Change Program Learning Outcomes <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2079/form>

4. Course Proposals

1. **ARCH.3320 Interior Design: Modeling and Rendering** (*Marie Frank*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1969/form> Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
2. **ARCH.3400 Landscape Architecture for Climate Resilience** (*Marie Frank*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2025/form> New program/concentration; the course will carry the AH designation for core curriculum and be eligible for RHED. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
3. **ARTS.2310 Portfolio: Be career ready** (*Melissa Schrenker*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2083/form> Discussion revolved around what made course a lab--both pedagogy and scheduling. Labs typically have double the contact hours of a recitation and lecture; instruction is typical of lab courses rather than lecture delivery. Motion to approve by Dina Bozicas, second by Mary Kate Keyes. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
4. **BIOL.4375L Eco-Evo-Devo in the Galapagos** (*Sarah Rozelle*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2019/form> Requires permission from instructor. Students can take the course only if they are committed to the post-term travel; “Travel to Ecuador is required” has been added to the end of the course description. The new IP grade will be ideal during this course. The committee asked what will happen if a student can’t go. Jennifer Fish said the department will follow the study abroad rules for campus and review case by case. Motion to approve by Leslie Farris, second by Mary Kate Keyes. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
5. **DGMD.1100 Introduction to Media Arts** (*Pavel Romaniko*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2028/form> Request to change the course title from “Introduction to Media Arts” to “Introduction to Media Arts Production”. Motion to approve by Leslie Farris, second by Wen Zhu. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.
6. **EECE.4860 Introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence** (*Tingshu Hu*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1988/form> Flex is on-campus with one day online. Motion to approve by Walter Toomey, second by Leslie Farris. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.

7. **ENGL.3860 Editing: Grammar and Style** (*Kevin Petersen*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2047/form> Request to change the catalog description. Motion to approve by Dina Bozicas, second by Mary Kate Keyes. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
8. **FAHS.2300 Introduction to Video Game Studies** (*Becca Richards*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1937/form> (from SP24) Request to change the course component from “Lecture” to “Recitation”. Motion to approve by Leslie Farris, second by Wen Zhu. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
9. **HSCI.2510 Physiological Chemistry I** (*Javier Horta*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2070/form> Request to change the catalog description, pre-requisite courses, and remove any previous enrollment requirements that limit enrollment to students in ZCHS. Added HSCI.2530 as a co-requisite. The course is currently tagged as STEM, and a request to add SCL has been submitted to the Core Curriculum. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Walter Toomey. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
10. **HSCI.2520 Physiological Chemistry II** (*Javier Horta*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2084/form> Request to change the catalog description and remove any previous enrollment requirements that limit enrollment to students in ZCHS. As a result of committee discussion also added pre-requisites and HSCI.2540 as a co-requisite. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Walter Toomey. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
11. **HSCI.2530 Physiological Chemistry Laboratory I** (*Javier Horta*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2086/form> Request to change the catalog description, pre-requisite courses, and remove any previous enrollment requirements that limit enrollment to students in ZCHS. Added HSCI.2510 as a co-requisite. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Walter Toomey. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
12. **HSCI.2540 Physiological Chemistry Laboratory II** (*Javier Horta*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2088/form> Request to change the catalog description and remove any previous enrollment requirements that limit enrollment to students in ZCHS. As a result of committee discussion also added pre-requisites and added HSCI.2520 as a co-requisite. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Walter Toomey. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
13. **MUEN.1560 Electric Guitar Ensemble** (*Ramon Castillo*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2062/form> Request to change the course title from “Electric Guitar Ensemble” to “Guitar Ensemble” and update the catalog description. Motion to approve by Dina Bozicas, second by Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
14. **MUEN.2510 Choral Union** (*Ramon Castillo*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1925/form> (from SP24) Request to change the course title from “Choral Union” to “The Common Voice: Community Chorus at

- UMass Lowell” and update the catalog description. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, second by Leslie Farris. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
15. **MUSR.2310 Special Topics in Sound Recording Technology** (*Ramon Castillo*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1926/form> (from SP24) Creating two new courses at the undergraduate level; Accreditor makes distinction between upper and lower level. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 16. **MUSR.4310 Special Topics in Sound Recording Technology** (*Ramon Castillo*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1927/form> (from SP24) Creating two new courses at the undergraduate level; Accreditor makes distinction between upper and lower level. Credits depend on contact hours; could do 1-credit intensive on Saturdays or Study Abroad can go up to 6-credits. Most of time 3-credits. The committee asked if there is a limit to number of times students can take special topics. Technically, no, but students frequently take it twice. The syllabus is vague; the instructor of record works with the department to flesh out syllabus. The committee asked for a pre-requisite course and “permission of instructor” was added during the meeting. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 17. **PCST.1250 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies** (*Jason Carter*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1925/form> (from SP24) Request to change the course title from “Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies” to “Introduction to Peace and Public Diplomacy”. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 18. **PHYS.1030 General Physics I** (*Art Mittler*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2061/form> Request to reinstate the co-requisite courses. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 19. **POLL.3920 Comparative Political Behavior** (*Joshua Dyck*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2046/form> Request to change the course title from “Comparative Political Behavior” to “Populism and Elections in Latin America and Europe”. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 20. **PSYC.4820 Developmental Disabilities Fieldwork: Leadership & Advocacy** (*Joseph Gonzales*) – Change Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1981/form> Request to change the catalog description. **Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Next UPC Meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 3:30-5:00pm in Coburn 275.