

SCS Curriculum Meeting
Minutes
October 25 9:00AM -10:00
3rd Floor Conference Room: Providence Campus

New

1. **New Course: CD 558 Graduate Thesis**
2. After a discussion, the committee determined that this course should be six credits and should be moved to one semester- instead of encompassing two semesters at 9 credits. Based on that finding, the committee finds this course needs some refinement. Specifically:
 - Change semester for course
 - A rational regarding the pre-reqs is needed
 - Cross listing information regarding overlap and impact on existing programs needs to be completed
 - Clarify if there will be a course that is dropped
 - Modify student learning outcomes to meet Best Case Practices from our accreditation review

NOTE: Notate semesters for all courses in the program in the new program proposal.
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3. **New Course: CD 557 Post-Secondary Teaching Methods in Community Development**
 - This course needs some additional work. Specifically, the committee asks:
 - The semester be corrected in the system (Spring, and working revamped to reflect changes to the semester throughout the proposal.
 - A rational regarding the pre-reqs is needed
 - Cross listing information regarding overlap and impact on existing programs needs to be completed
 - Clarify if there will be a course that is dropped
 - Modify student learning outcomes to meet Best Case Practices from our accreditation review
 - Clarify the role of the teaching assistant and how it relates to the learning outcomes for this course and note if the student will be compensated for the work (no).

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NOTE: These changes need to be reflected in the rational for the new master's program also(in new Program petition).

Updates

1. BGS to BA in Psych Update & discussion

Committee is amendable to having a research course such as experimental, but has concerns over the 4 credit class that incorporates a lab. This stems from innate difficulty in lab work online (student engagement and sense of purpose), and the potential lack of students. It is noted that we currently have Quantitative research methods (Psych 240) and it is hard to find an instructor and get a critical mass of students. Therefore, SCS proposed having SOCSCI research I (up to experimental) and SOCSCI (experimental) courses instead of Psych 240 and 440. This is due to the fact that we can have these courses or course required in the new Social Science BS also to get us a critical mass.

No issue with having a project/internship as part of the major, generally, but discussion will continue at the next meeting to determine if it should be labeled internship or something else as the students will not be undertaking a internship in the same vein as Bristol students (in that they will be doing a special project within their current work places, not at a separate organization).

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2. BGS to BS Social Sciences Update
Program will be unbanked and a research course and capstone course as requirements. Student will have the ability to take two or three subject areas, but must include at least 300 or above courses in each discipline.

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3. BGS in CD to BS Update
In the Senate Cue
4. Master's degree in CD Update
See above
5. BS in Healthy Communities Update
In Senate CC cue.
6. Other

Discussion

1. Non-Faculty Program Director & Curriculum
This reportedly continues to be an issue for some senators. We will monitor the conversations and advocate for our status quo,
2. Cross Listing courses
Did not get to.
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