

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee</b> <b>March 25, 2008</b></p>
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Daniel Wubah convened the UCC at 1:30 p.m. in 226 Tigert Hall.

**Members Present:** Daniel Wubah, Chair, David Bloomquist, Kelli McCormack Brown, Peggy Carr, Sheila Dickison, Ken Gerhardt, Stephanie Hanson, Selman Hershfield, Linda Childers Hon, Sarah Martin, Albert Matheny, Andrew McCollough, Michael McKenzie, James McLeskey, Karen Miles, Robert Primosch, Steve Pritz, Edward Schaefer, Elaine Turner

**Guests:**

- 1. Approval of minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting:** The minutes were approved with the change to item 2 which should read:  
*Update from Faculty Senate meeting by Dr. Wubah: President Machen discussed the budget situation. Specific details can be found on the website.*
- 2. Update from Faculty Senate meeting Dr. Wubah gave highlights:**
  - a) Budget issue discussed. Colleges are forwarding their recommendations to the Provost.
  - b) BS in Sustainability was presented as an information item. There were no objections. It will go next time as an action item.
  - c) Chair position for the Curriculum Committee and General Education Council. The faculty senate chair established an ad hoc committee to determine the chairmanship of these two committees, Dr. Wubah is part of that group. Detailed information on the composition of both committees is available on the Faculty Senate website.
  - d) Gordon Rule proposal was presented and passed.
  - e) The composition of the Curriculum Committee will change to include twelve appointed members and twelve elected.
- 3. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and the Built Environment in the College of Design, Construction and Planning, effective with the 2008-09 academic year (revisited).**

Dr. Carr explained the few modifications to the program, based on feedback from meetings with those across campus. Dr. Turner voiced a concern over the generic titles of the proposed courses, she suggested adding “and the Built Environment” to each where appropriate. The proposal was approved with the changes to the titles.
- 4. Proposed termination of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Statistics, effective with the 2008-09 academic year.**

Students currently in the program will be allowed to complete their BA degree. The termination of this degree was approved
- 5. Items from Graduate School (information only).**

- Proposal for a name change of the concentrations for the MS and PhD programs presently named “Pharmacy Health Care Administration” to “Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy” effective Spring 2008.
- Proposal for a joint degree program culminating in a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree, awarded by the College of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, awarded by the College of Public Health and Health Professions, effective Spring 2008.
- Proposal to sunset the PhD and EdD in Student Personnel in Higher Education, effective date pending action of the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees.

**6. New/changed undergraduate courses.**

All approved.

**7. New/changed professional course**

Dr. Primosch explained that the dentistry changes and new courses are a result of the curriculum revision part of the accreditation self study.

It was brought to the committee’s attention that the DEN 6015 had 0-1 variable credit listed. Dr. Primosch clarified that it was a mandatory course that should be 1 credit not 0-1.

All Approved.

**8. Notice of proposed new/changed graduate courses (information only).**

**9. Items from the floor:**

- Dr. Wubah said the Board of Governors is working with all SUS institutions to bring degree approvals in line with their expectations. He will check and clarify whether the Sustainability and the Built Environment program requires approval of the Board of Governors or just the Board of Trustees. There were questions about how far up the chain different things had to go for approval. Dr. Wubah has a hard copy of a chart of where changes have to go. Angel is working on a document to pull together the approval hierarchy.
- Dr. Carr asked about the changes to extend General Education beyond the first two years and how this fits into community college articulation. Dr. Wubah clarified that it depended on the majors; because of the prerequisites in place students often cannot complete general education courses at the lower level.
- Dr. Turner announced that Soil and Water Sciences is getting a new prefix. It is changing from SOS to SWS beginning fall ’09.
- There was a question about budget cuts and whether or not there will be any guidance as to which departments to cut. Dr. Wubah explained that departments are not making the cuts, but recommendations at department and college levels are being submitted to the Provost. Cuts will be decided at the Vice Presidents level. Dr. Matheny mentioned that there was an increase in activity in regard to departments asking for reduced caps or dept controlling a course because they don’t know

if they'll have funding. He reiterated the need to preserve critical tracking courses so students stay on track. Dr. Wubah will communicate to the Deans the importance of protecting critical tracking courses. Dr. Dickison raised the fact that students will also need electives outside of their major and voiced concerns that those were the types of courses that will be cut.

- Dr. Wubah brought up prerequisite enforcement. While prerequisites are on UCC forms, that form alone does not enforce the prerequisite. Dr. Turner suggested it would be easier to submit notification if you do not want to enforce a prerequisite.
- Steve Pritz explained the history. At the time the system was built (1995) the campus did not want a unilateral implementation of prerequisite checking, but rather by request of the college. Some colleges have been more aggressive than others. Sometimes you can't get everything that is needed to enforce the prerequisite by the simple prerequisite that is put on the UCC form. The Registrar's Office is willing to enforce prerequisites in whichever manner the University decides. Concerns were also voiced over the added work involved in enforcing prerequisites at the department level. Dr. Wubah suggested this matter should be investigated further before any decisions or changes are made.
- Sarah Martin reminded all committee members that the Student Honor Court is available to conduct presentations on honor policies and to provide assistance with proctoring of exams.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.