



*Arts & Sciences Senate
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*

To: Arts and Sciences Senate
From: Beth Squire, Executive Secretary, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Re: 2016-2017 Annual Report
Date: September 1, 2017

I. General Information

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee, I am pleased to submit our annual report for the last academic year, 2016-2017. This report was discussed and approved by the Committee on September 27, 2017.

The report includes excerpts from the meeting minutes that discuss issues submitted to the Committee. As Secretary of the Curriculum Committee in AY 2016-2017, I would be happy to meet with the Executive Committee and/or the Senate to discuss the Committee's concerns.

The curriculum committee met 18 times during the 2016-2017 academic year. Committee members were: Arlene Feldman (Academic and Transfer Advising Services, ex officio member), Kane Gillespie (College of Arts and Sciences, ex officio member), Dawn Harris (Africana Studies), Marie Huffman (Linguistics, committee co-Chair), Izabela Kalinowska Blackwood (Cultural Analysis and Theory), Roy Lacey (Chemistry), Sarah Malmquist (Neurobiology), Robin McCarthy (Registrar's Office, ex officio member), Greg Ruf (Asian and Asian American Studies, committee co-Chair), Deborah Serling (Academic and Transfer Advising Services, elected professional staff member), and Beth Squire (College of Arts and Science Dean's Office, Executive Secretary of the committee, ex officio member).

Routine matters are handled by the secretary and announced to the committee at each meeting. There were a number of routine matters chiefly involving deletion of courses, reactivation of courses deactivated within the past five years, minor changes to major and minor Bulletin text, and changes of course titles, descriptions, course combinations and/or prerequisites to bring them in line with current teaching practices.

The Committee worked to publish the updated online versions of the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Bulletin. The executive secretary of the committee also serves as the Editor of the Bulletin.

II. General Curricular Matters

The committee approved 31 new courses during the 2016-2017 AY.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the committee electronically submitted and approved courses for the larger Stony Brook Curriculum Course Certification Committee. Agenda items were sent to the SBCCC for approval in March, 2017. The SBCCC is made up of all of the membership of the Curriculum Committee, along with members representing other academic and non-academic areas on campus. The SBCCC voted on and approved courses pre-approved by the Arts and Sciences Senate Curriculum Committee, and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Curriculum Committee. The SBCCC also reviewed proposals from Health Sciences degree programs.

The committee approved the proposed BA in Biology with required minor, and approved significant updates to the Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Environmental Studies, and Coastal Environmental Studies majors (with an approved change from Coastal Environmental Studies to a BS in Environmental Studies). We are waiting on approval from Albany to implement the changes.

The committee discussed the proposed deactivation of the German major and German Education track, and approved a revision to the German major to allow the major to remain active. The committee spent the majority of two meetings discussing the impact of the deactivation of the major. The committee discussed the suspension of the Dance minor and the suspended admission to undergraduate degree programs in Theatre Arts, Comparative Literature, and Cinema and Cultural Studies.

The committee approved three new minors: Health, Medicine and Society; Pharmacology; and Professional Writing.

The committee expressed significant concerns over the proposed minor in Narrative Filmmaking and the associated courses and requested additional information from the department before further consideration.

The committee discussed the recommendations of the SBC Implementation Group, including a possible new required online training in ethics/CER, and a new learning outcome, 'Foster Diversity and Inclusiveness.'

The majority of the committee meeting time was devoted to reviewing course proposals and syllabi for existing courses to determine applicability to the Stony Brook Curriculum learning outcomes, along with proposals for new courses. The committee also reviewed syllabuses for existing courses proposed as online courses, in many cases referring the faculty to the Faculty Center for a more in-depth review of the syllabus.

III. Significant Curricular Changes by Department or Program

Anthropology (2 new courses)

The committee approved the following courses:

- ANT 208-H/STAS Zombiology: What the Walking Dead Can Teach Us About Real Humans
- ANT 377-ESI, SNW Animal Tool Use

Art/Art History (5 new courses)

The committee approved changes of title/description/prerequisite to ARH 207, 306, 315, 316, 397, 400, ARS 105, and general updates to course prerequisites.

The following courses were approved:

- ARH 106-ARTS Art and Science
- ARH 395-STAS/ESI Topics in Visual Culture
- ARH 323 History and Methods of Art History
- ARH 328 Exhibiting Africa
- ARH 350 Museum Studies

English (5 new courses)

The committee approved the proposed updates to the English major, along with the following courses:

- EGL 303-HFA+ Genre or Media
- EGL 308-HFA+ Single Author
- EGL 309-HFA+ Interdisciplinary Study of Literature
- EGL 311-HFA+ Literary or Critical History
- EGL 380-WRTD Senior Seminar

Environmental Humanities (1 new course)

The following course was approved:

- EHM 325-HFA+ Environmental Film, Media, Arts

Geology (3 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- GEO 122 Physical Geology-DEC E/SNW
- GEO 496-ESI, WRTD Research and Synthesize Scientific Literature in Geoscience
- GEO 497-CER, SPK Research Communication in Geoscience

German

The committee approved the revised version of the German major, effective Spring 2017.

History (3 new courses)

The committee approved the addition of SBS to the following courses: HIS 204, 209, 213, 214, 220, 221, 226, 227, 250, 262, 263, and course description revisions to HIS 209, 213, 214, 220, 226, 227, 250, and 301.

The following courses were approved:

- HIS 320-Skill 4/DEC K/SBS+/SPK Latino New York

- HIS 331-Skill 4/DEC K/SBS+ Immigration in American History
- HIS 332-DEC J/SBS+, ESI Postcolonial South Asia

Human Evolutionary Biology (2 new courses)

The committee approved the proposed updates to the Human Evolutionary Biology major and associated courses (deactivate crosslistings for ANP/BIO-EBH 204/EBH 230/EBH 331/EBH 359/EBH 362/EBH 370/EBH 380/EBH 381, change in designator for ANP 200 to EBH 200, ANP 316 to EBH 316, BIO 302 to EBH 302, prerequisite/SBC change for EBH 359 Behavioral Ecology--add STEM+), along with the following courses:

- EBH 325 Evolution of Sex
- EBH 405 Life History and Development

Mathematics (2 new courses)

The following courses were approved, along with updates to the Math major.

- MAT 314 Abstract Algebra II
- MAT 315 Advanced Linear Algebra

Pharmacology (3 new courses)

The following courses were approved, along with the proposed minor in Pharmacology.

- BCP 111-STAS American Drug Use and Abuse: Biomedical, Socio-economic and Political Factors
- BCP 201-STEM+ Introduction to Pharmacology: The Molecular, Clinical, and Social Bases of Drug Use
- BCP 480-TECH Introduction to Research Topics in Pharmacology

Philosophy (1 new course)

The following course was approved:

- PHI 116-USA, HUM Philosophy of America's Founding

Physics (1 new course)

The committee approved the deactivation of PHY 123/124 labs, and the addition of 1-credit labs to PHY 121/122. The following course was approved, along with updates to course prerequisites.

- PHY 153-TECH Data Analysis for Physics and Astronomy with Python

Political Science (1 new course)

The following course was approved:

- POL 373-SNW, SBS+/DEC E The Biology of Politics

Sociology (1 new course)

The committee approved the proposed minor in Health, Medicine and Society (housed in the department of Sociology).

The following course was approved:

- SOC 344-SBS+/GLO Environmental Sociology

SoMAS

The committee approved the proposed updates to the ATM, ENS, and COS majors (change COS to BS in ENS). We are waiting on approval from Albany to implement the changes.

Theatre Arts

The committee approved the proposed updates to the THR major and minor.

Writing and Rhetoric (1 new course)

The committee approved the proposed minor in Professional Writing, along with the following course:

- WRT 201 Principles of Professional Writing

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Squire, Ed.D.