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During the 2015/2016 academic year, 111 proposals were submitted to AUC. Proposals were referred as appropriate to one of three standing committees which include Curriculum, Academic Policies and Student Affairs. Of the 111 proposals considered, 107 were approved, 3 were withdrawn and one was tabled.

Sub-Committees

Academic Policies: DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld; Deborah Benes; Catherine Buell; Robert Carr; Cameron Conley (Student Representative); William Cummings; Rebecca Driscoll, Vice Chair (Student Representative); Stephen Goldstein; Gerald Higdon; Meg Hoey; Beverly Hollingsworth; Jane Huang; **Walter Jeffko (Chair)**; Mathangi Krishnamurthy; Irene Martyniuk; Nancy McLaughlin; Andrew Pelzer (Student Representative); René Reeves; Billy Samulak; Christine Shane; Daniel Welsh; Jiang Yu

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New Courses

Behavioral Sciences Department

HMSV 2005 - Social and Cultural Diversity in Human Services – AUC # 67

Biology/Chemistry Department

BIOL 1600 - Introductory Research – AUC# 10

CHEM 1600 - Introductory Research – AUC # 11

BIOL 3010 - Invertebrate Biology – AUC # 73

Communications Media Department

THEA 3003 - Dramaturgy – AUC # 14

GAME 4100 - Game Studio – AUC # 38

GAME 3075 - 3D Modeling II – AUC # 39

GAME 3005 - Mobile Game Design – AUC # 40

COMM 2200 - Typeface Design – AUC # 76

Education Department

EDUC 2830 - Arts Integration – AUC # 33

EDUC 2820 - Arts Integration: An Overview – AUC # 34

English Studies Department

ENGL 3015 - Writing the Science Fiction and Fantasy Novel – AUC # 60

ENGL 3027 - Experimental Writing – AUC # 63

Humanities Department

ASL 1000 - American Sign Language (ASL) for Beginners I – AUC # 68

ASL 2000 - American Sign Language (ASL) for Beginners II – AUC # 69

Psychological Science

PSY 3010 Consciousness – AUC # 111

PSY 2015 - Introduction to Industrial and Organizational Psychology – AUC # 81

PSY 3555 - Cognition Lab – AUC # 85

PSY 3415 - Sensation and Perception Lab – AUC # 86

PSY 3501 - Psychology of Learning Lab – AUC # 87

PSY 3505 - Motivation Lab – AUC # 88

PSY 3100 - Clinical Psychology – AUC # 89

PSY 3000 - Advanced Industrial and Organizational Psychology – AUC # 90

PSY 3150 - Psychological Science in the Schools – AUC # 91

Program and Course Changes/Modifications

Biology and Chemistry Department

- Prerequisite requirement changes for BIOL 3250, Cell Biology, BIOL 3450, Biochemistry, BIOL 3030 and CHEM 3030, Foundations of Biochemistry – AUC # 107
- Modify the curriculum of the current B.A. in Biology – AUC # 57
- Add a minimum grade requirements to introductory courses for Biology and Chemistry Majors – AUC # 62
- Reduce laboratory hours for HON 1600, Biological Issues and Inquiry from three to two – AUC # 74

Behavioral Sciences Department

- Add CJ2550 Criminal Law as Required Course for the Police Concentration Program – AUC # 4
- Human Services Majors must obtain a 2.5 or higher in the majors skills based course in order to remain in the program – AUC # 20
- Reduce practicum hours required by the Human Service program from 150 to 120 – AUC # 21
- Minimum overall GPA increased from 2.0 to 2.5 for admission to the Human Services Program – AUC # 22
- Add SOC 2750, Criminology and PSY 2350, Abnormal Psychology as required courses for the Police Concentration Program and replace PSY 1100, General Psychology with PSY1200, Human Growth and Development as the CJ LA&S required course – AUC # 23
- Add CJ 4100, Colloquium, CJ 2600, Juvenile Justice, and CJ 3000, Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crime as required courses for the Police Concentration Program – AUC # 24
- Modification to the Disabilities Studies minor – AUC # 108
- Change required major credit hours from 46 to 49 credit hours for the HMSV program – AUC # 66

Communications Media Department

- Drop COMM 3890, Computer Graphic Design as a requirement from the Graphic Design concentration and remove it from the catalog – AUC # 100
- Require COMM 3305, Web Design in the Graphic Design concentration – AUC # 101
- Modify course description for COMM 3810, Introduction to Graphic Design - AUC # 102
- Modify course description and prerequisites for COMM 3820, Graphic Design – AUC # 103
- Modify course description and prerequisites for COMM 3950, Advanced Graphic Design – AUC # 104
- Remove prerequisites for COMM 2420, History of TV – AUC # 13
- Replace THEA 2000, Introduction to Theatre with THEA 3010, Acting for the Camera as a required course for Communications Media/Theatre Concentration Majors – AUC # 37
- GAME 3510, Contemporary Issues in Games, may be repeated up to two times for credit – AUC # 41
- Modify the electives in the Game Design Major – AUC # 42
- Allow THEA 3035, Playwrighting to fulfill the Junior Level Writing Requirement for COMM Majors – AUC # 75
- Changes to Communications Media Upper-Level Theory Requirement – AUC # 77

- Change the name of COMM 3305, Interactive I to COMM 3305, Web Design and update the course description – AUC # 98
- Change the name of COMM 3306, Interactive II to COMM 3306, Web Design Seminar and update the course description – AUC # 99

Earth and Geographic Sciences Department

- Lower course level of GEOG 4400, Urban Geography to GEOG 3300, and add a prerequisite of meeting the math readiness requirement – AUC# 5
- New elective, course GEOG 2056, Climate Change and Human History for the Geographic Science and Technology (GST) curriculum – AUC# 6
- Increase the contact hours from PHYS 2000, Astronomy from 3 to 4 and cross list as GEOG 2000 – AUC # 35
- Remove LAB from GEOG 4500, Remote Sensing of the Environment and lower it to 3 contact hours for lecture and 6 contact hours for assignments – AUC # 36

Economics, History & Political Science Department

- Cross list IDIS 1900, Introduction to Peace Studies with POLS 1900 – AUC # 44
- Cross List POLS 2700, Criminal Procedure: Rights of the Accused with CJ 2700 – AUC # 45

Education Department

- Replace requirements EDUC 2910, The Arts I; EDUC 2920, The Arts II; and EDUC 2930, The Arts III with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Early Childhood Program – AUC # 46
- Replace requirements EDUC 2910, The Arts I; EDUC 2920, The Arts II; and EDUC 2930, The Arts III with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Elementary Education Program – AUC # 47
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Middle School General Science Licensure Track – AUC # 48
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Middle School History Licensure Track – AUC # 49
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Middle School Humanities Licensure Track – AUC # 50
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Middle School Mathematics-Science Licensure Track – AUC # 51
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I or EDUC 2920, The Arts II with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Special Education Major-Moderate Disabilities 5-12 Initial Teacher Licensure Concentration – AUC # 52
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I or EDUC 2920, The Arts II with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Special Education Major-Moderate Disabilities PreK-8 & Elementary Education 1-6 Initial Teacher Licensure Concentration – AUC # 53
- Replace requirement, EDUC 2910, The Arts I or EDUC 2920, The Arts II with EDUC 2830, Arts Integration for the Special Education Major-Severe Disabilities All Levels Initial Teacher Licensure Concentration – AUC # 54
- Drop EDUC 2910, The Arts I, EDUC 2920, The Arts II, and EDUC 2930, The Arts III as course offerings and remove from the course catalog – AUC # 55

English Studies Department

- ENGL 4000, Major Authors, may be repeated up to three times for credit – AUC # 15
- ENGL 4400, Seminar, may be repeated up to three times for credit – AUC # 16
- Change the name of ENGL 3860, Writing for Business and Technology to ENGL 3860, Writing for Organizations and update the course description – AUC # 25
- Add GDN designation to AAST 1000, Introduction to African American Studies – AUC # 26
- Change the name of the Women’s Studies minor/program to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – AUC #12
- Add ENGL 3015, Writing the Science Fiction and Fantasy Novel to Professional Writing Electives and English Studies Core “Upper Level Writing Intensive” courses – AUC # 59
- Remove ENGL 3530, Fiction Writing II as a course offering and remove from the catalog and rename ENGL 3510, Fiction Writing – AUC # 61
- Add ENGL 3027, Experimental Writing as an elective for Professional Writing – AUC # 64
- Add additional Prerequisite for ENGL 4700, Teaching Reading and Writing Across the Content Area – AUC # 71

Exercise and Sports Science Department

- Add EXSS 2072, Exercise Physiology 2 as a prerequisite course for EXSS 3600, Exercise Response and Adaptations in Special Populations – AUC #32
- Create minimum GPA to EXSS courses – AUC # 72

Humanities Department

- Modify prerequisites for Art 2030, Sculpture I – AUC # 56

Industrial Technology Department

- Drop ITEC Graphic Arts Technology and Facilities Management courses as course offerings and remove from catalog – AUC # 17
- Modify curriculum for Technology Education Program – AUC # 70
- Modify course description and prerequisites for ITEC 2450, Theory of Architecture – AUC # 97

Mathematics Department

- Increase the number of credits of Math 1300, Precalculus from 3 to 4 – AUC # 30
- Change of course requirements for the Applied Mathematics Concentration – AUC # 58
- Create minimum GPA prerequisite for math courses – AUC # 65

Nursing Department

- Increase the number of transfer credits allowed for students entering the RN to BS in Nursing track to a maximum of 88 credits with a maximum of 31 nursing credits – AUC # 105
- Modifications to prerequisites for Nursing – AUC # 106

Psychological Science Department

- Change name of PSY 2230, Adolescent Psychology to Adolescent Development. Modify course description and prerequisites – AUC # 109
- Change name of PSY 2140, Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience to PSY 3050. Modify course description and prerequisites – AUC # 110

- Change PSY 3480, History and Systems of Psychology to PSY 4000. Modify course description and prerequisites – AUC # 112
- Change name of PSY 1100, General Psychology to Introduction to Psychological Science – AUC # 79
- Change name of PSY 1200, Human Growth and Development to Lifespan Development – AUC # 80
- Change prerequisites for Psychological Science courses – AUC # 82
- Change PSY 3420, Biological Psychology to PSY 2030. Modify course description and prerequisites – AUC # 83
- Remove three Psychological Science courses from the catalog – AUC # 84
- Remove Developmental and Cognitive Science Concentrations – AUC # 92
- Update elective courses for Neuroscience, Behavior & Cognition minor – AUC # 93
- Change of requirements for Psychological Science Major – AUC # 94
- Change of requirements for Psychological Science Minor – AUC # 95

Additional Proposals

Academic Calendar – AUC # 1

Academic Calendars for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 were approved.

Intellectual Property Policy – AUC # 2

Intellectual property policy established for students.

Change to Pre-Major Policy – AUC # 3

Change in maximum number of credits allowed before student declares a major. Pre-major students with 45 credits (previously 60) must apply for and be admitted to a major prior to registering for additional courses.

Establishment of a campus Institutional Biosafety Committee – AUC # 7

Establish an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) responsible for the registration, review, and approval of all teaching and research projects involving potentially hazardous biological materials.

Establishment of an Exposure Control Policy – AUC # 8

Establish a Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan for university-wide implementation to protect all members of the Fitchburg State community from the hazards associated with occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

Establishment of a campus Biosafety Policy – AUC # 9

Establish a Biosafety Plan in the form of a Biosafety Manual to govern the use of biohazardous agents in teaching and research laboratories on the Fitchburg State campus.

Policy Allowing Sharing Major Requirements if a Student has a Double Major – AUC # 18

Students who pursue a double major, or a double degree will be allowed to use courses required within one major, to satisfy general education requirements in the other major.

Change Graduation Honors Policy – AUC # 28

Decrease the number of credits that a student must complete at Fitchburg State University in order to qualify for graduation honors from at least 60 credits to at least 45 credits

Revise Deficiency Grade Reporting Policy – AUC # 29

Move the deficiency grade reporting deadline 'up' in the academic calendar to the Friday before advising begins.

Revise Animal Care Policy Governing IACUCU Membership – AUC # 78

Changes made to the membership section of the Animal Care Policy including a requirement to now have at least three faculty members who are practicing scientists.