

**AUC Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021**

- Attendees:** Adem Elveren (Economics, History, & Political Science)
Aruna Krishnamurthy (Co-Chair, English Studies)
Elizabeth Gordon (Secretary, Earth and Geographic Sciences)
Heather Urbanski (English Studies)
Jared Vanasse (Earth and Geographic Sciences)
J.J. Sylvia (Communications Media)
Jonathan Harvey (Humanities)
Laurie Link (Education)
Lori Steckervetz (Library)
Meg Hoey (Dean of Health & Natural Sciences)
Sara Levine (Dean of Arts & Sciences)
Soumitra Basu (Co-Chair, Engineering Technology)
William Cortezia (Education)
- Absent:** Aisling O'Connor (Biology/Chemistry)
Barbara Cormier (University Registrar)
Catherine Buell (Mathematics)
Cheryl Goldman (Psychological Science)
Christine Devine (Nursing)
Danielle Wigmore (Exercise & Sports Science)
Steve Olson (SGA Senator)
Sydney Kinz (SGA Treasurer)

Guests: Joann Nichols, Joe Wachtel, Kisha Tracy, Peter Staab

1. Call to Order

Aruna called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

2. Approval of meeting minutes dated November 18, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes from the Curriculum Committee meeting of November 18, 2021

Motion: Will Cortezia, **Second:** Adem Elveren

Vote: 11/0/1 (For / Against / Abstain)

3. New Business: Review of proposals

a. AUC15: Math 4000 prerequisite and title change

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Peter Staab spoke to the proposal: Change prerequisites so that students are introduced to proofs prior to taking the course. Change the name to be consistent with what's more common at other institutions, which makes transfer credits easier. The content is not changing.

Discussion: none

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

b. AUC16: AIA designation for PSY 2010

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Joanne Nichols spoke to the proposal: PSY 2010 is required for licensure (early childhood); Candidates have been taking it but it doesn't show in Degreeworks as required gen ed.

Discussion: Clarification that this course already has the AIA designation in the new gen ed (approved last year because it's at least 2000 level and has prerequisites). This proposal is to have it required as a gen ed as part of the early childhood education curriculum. It was noted that proposals to request required gen ed courses are not common; Kisha stated that this will be required of programs going forward.

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

c. AUC17: Create EDUC 3XXX Teaching the Whole Child

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Joann Nichols spoke to the proposal: This is a 1cr course that would be an elective, focused on providing teacher candidates important skills for their teaching. It has been taught as a topics course.

Discussion: Question about which program this applies to – Joann responded that it's open to anyone but mostly for Early Childhood, Elementary, Moderate SPED, and Severe SPED. It's especially helpful for transfer students who sometimes need a 1cr course to be considered full time. Question about whether or not the Registrar will need to code it for certain programs. Kisha will follow up with the Registrar and return to this at AUC.

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

d. AUC18: Create EDUC 2XXX Course Managing the Classroom to Maximize Learning

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Joanne Nichols spoke to the proposal: This is another 1cr course to add as an elective, this one is taught online, has been taught as a topics course.

Discussion: Question about the difference in level between this and the previous proposal (2000 vs 3000). Joann explained that the previous course is more theoretical, provides a holistic perspective on behavior management, students would be taking that course in their junior year, they have taken their methods course; this course covers more nuts and bolts, students take it as they're doing their full day field experiences, observing teacher in classroom, they reflect on how they would do that themselves.

Clarifying question on where it fits into the curriculum - Joann confirmed that it is an elective, not required, could be taken by anyone but intended for education majors.

Question regarding enrollments - Joann replied that it has 8 students enrolled for the upcoming spring.

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

e. AUC19: Introducing Tracks in Computer Information Systems Program

Motion to table the proposal

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Soumi explained that, because Mahadev is on sabbatical, he should not present the proposal.

Vote to table: 13/0/0

f. AUC20: Remove prerequisites to EDUC 2012 Teaching the Adolescent Learner

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Joe Wachtel spoke to the proposal: PASM put together program a few years ago, which was structured to move students through the curriculum in a certain order, and course prerequisites ensured the sequence. That has turned out to be too rigid, and students are encountering barriers as a result of the prereqs. This proposal would remove prereqs so students can navigate the curriculum.

Discussion: Question about whether or not removing the prereq, especially the stage 1 review, would have any negative effects. Will responded that it won't affect student success in the course – the prereqs are a barrier and removing them will facilitate flexibility in the curriculum, especially for transfer students. Joe noted that the stage 1 review is still required in the program, this proposal just removes it as a requirement before taking EDUC2012.

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

g. AUC21: DP designation to EDUC 2011 Diversity in Education (5-12)

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Joe Wachtel spoke to the proposal: This would add diverse perspectives for the gen ed designation. Instructors outlined the rationale in the proposal.

Discussion: Question about how it meets the DP outcome. Will responded that it covers class, gender, race, etc, in pedagogy, for example as discussed by Paulo Freire in *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*; bell hooks. Concern was expressed that education majors will only explore diversity within their major, through the lens of education. Kisha noted that this is not for education majors – the department would need to submit a MAJ form for that to happen. Joe stated that this course exists in the minor.

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

h. AUC22: Remove prerequisites to EDUC 2011 Diversity in Education (5-12)

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Joe Wachtel spoke to the proposal: similar rationale as AUC20, remove prereqs to remove barriers for students moving through the curriculum.

Discussion: It was noted that removing the prereqs would also allow other non-education students to take EDUC2011 for their Diverse Perspective requirement.

Vote to recommend approval: 13/0/0

4. Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Will Cortezia, Second: Adem Elveren

Adjourned 4:11pm