



Committee approved: 2-22-2018
 Sent to ACC: 2-26-2018
 ACC Approved:

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION
 Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2018

Meeting Location: OM340

CUE Chair Donna Qualley called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, welcoming a total of 14 attendees (roster attached).

Meeting minutes of 8 February 2018 were approved as written.

ACTION ITEMS

Review of Curriculum Proposals: 10 curriculum proposals reviewed and discussed via [Curriculog agenda](#) (individual proposals linked in summary below).

9 proposals approved, 1 postponed:

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 - 1 new Art/Art History course:
 - [A/HI 251](#): Arts of Africa after 1900
 - 1 new Library course:
 - [LIBR 205](#): Co-Inquiry on Learning
 - 1 new Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies course:
 - [WGSS 213](#): Introduction to Sexuality and Queer Studies
 - 1 Art/Art History course revision:
 - ~~[A/HI 250: African Visual Culture from Preshitory to Present](#)~~ [Arts of Africa pre-1900](#) (title, description)
 - 1 Anthropology course revision:
 - [ANTH 247](#): Intro to Linguistic Anthropology (course modality)¹
 - 1 Communication Sciences & Disorders course revisions:
 - [CSD 251](#): Introduction to Communication Disorders (description, course modality, GUR attribute)
 - 1 Honors course revision:
 - [HNRS 103](#): Major Cultural Traditions I (course modality)
 - 1 Philosophy course revision:
 - [PHIL 350](#): Political Philosophy (description, prerequisites)
 - 1 Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies course revision:
 - [WGSS 212: Introduction to Feminist Theory and Expression](#) (title, credits, GUR attribute). CUE approved this course as a BCGM. Initially designated as a CCOM.
- 1 proposals postponed pending receipt of more information:
 - 1 Dance course revisions: [DNC 231](#)

¹ CUE expects to discuss at a future meeting whether there should be a limit to the number of online GURs a student may take.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Draft Writing Proposal: CUE members reviewed a revised draft writing proposal. Committee members discussed potential implications on the GUR program credit total and on time-to-degree of replacing the current ACGM and BCGM requirements with a “Diversity-Equity-Justice” designation.

CUE members also discussed the Direct-Transfer-Agreement (DTA): the DTA allows transfer students to complete their general education requirements at another institution. Under the current agreement transfer students may potentially take fewer courses to complete their GUR requirements than other Western students. Steve VanderStaay, *Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education*, stated that increasing Western’s GUR program could incentivize students to take their general education requirements elsewhere. VanderStaay offered to provide more information about the size of other general education programs at a future meeting.

Committee members discussed whether a GUR can be a W4 course (writing intensive course in the major) and whether writing courses should also be GURs. CUE members discussed potential alternatives to the W4 course including a portfolio option in the event that a student does not have access to a W4 course in their major. A concern was raised that transfer students will not be required to take a W2 course (proposed replacement for the current CCOM requirement) if it were part of the general education requirements. Steve VanderStaay, *Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education*, advised CUE to avoid structuring the W2 as a graduation requirement as many Western majors are already larger than average and stated that the DTA requires more writing than Western currently requires.

CUE also discussed new hires to support disciplinary writing and a timetable for implementation of the writing proposal. CUE member Rick Bulcroft said he would create an executive summary of the draft writing proposal to present at CUE’s meeting of February 22, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

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VOTING ATTENDEES				NON-VOTING ATTENDEES		
Faculty				Advisory		
1	Donna Qualley, Chair	At-Large	P	17	David Brunner, <i>Registrar</i>	--
2	Javier Berzal de Dios	D ~ Art	P	18	Terri Clarke, <i>Admissions Office</i>	--
3	Rick Bulcroft	B ~ Sociology	P	19	Holly Diaz, <i>University Residences</i>	--
4	Paul Chen	ACC Representative	P	20	Meagan Bryson, <i>Academic Advising</i>	--
5	Brandon Dupont	E ~ Economics	P	21	Lizzy Ramhorst, <i>Shared Gov Ops Mgr</i>	P
6	Michael Medler <i>for Aquila Flower</i>	G ~ Environmental Studies	--	22	Carolyn Swinburne, <i>Registrar’s Office</i>	P
7	Sarah McDaniel	I ~ Wilson Library	P	Recorder		
8	Robert Stoops	C ~ Liberal Studies	--	23	Kylee Swift, <i>Faculty Senate Admin Assist</i>	P
9	Andrew Good	A- Math	P	Guests		
10	Jianna Zhang	A ~ Computer Science	P			
11	Vacant	H	--			
12	Vacant	At-Large	--			
Ex Officio						
13	Steven VanderStaay, <i>VP for Undergraduate Education</i>		P			
14	Julie Dugger, <i>Director of Writing Instruction Support</i>		P			
Students						
15	Hunter Eider, <i>AS VP for Academic Affairs</i>		--		Voting attendees	11
16	Sadie Strain, <i>Associated Students</i>		P		Non-voting attendees	3
Voting members in attendance			11		TOTAL ATTENDEES	14