

Minutes from Curriculum and Teaching Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 11:00 am
Zoom Conference Call

Those present: James Babanikos (chair), Moni Basu, Roxane Coche, Marcia DiStaso, Pat Ford, Robyn Goodman, Judy Hunter, David Ostroff, Ted Spiker, Kasey Windels

Announcements

- Babanikos shared some updates from the April 4th ACUA meeting:
 - Limited Access Programs.
 - The Board of Governors is taking a second look at Limited Access Programs, and the Associate Provost asked all of us to make sure that the list of limited access programs at UF is accurate. All of our four majors are limited access because we require students to have a minimum 2.50 minimum gpa to get into our majors, as well as a number of pre-requisites, and we want that to remain as is.
 - Student Vaccinations.
 - Students have begun to get vaccinated on Monday, April 5th, and although the university can't make every student take the vaccine, they are encouraging them to do so by removing students from the mandatory biweekly testing once they get vaccinated.
 - Students who get vaccinated outside of UF can submit their immunizations to Health Compliance so that they can forego the biweekly testing. This is the website:
<https://healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu/immunization-requirement/>
- Elimination of Outside Concentration.
 - The elimination of the Outside Concentration in ADV and in TEL - Production was approved by UCC on March 16. It'll go into effect in the fall. Well received by the committee, especially since timely graduation (two years for transfer students) will go into effect next year, according to Associate Provost Angela Lindner.
- Rethinking the Classroom Evaluations
 - Babanikos met with the Faculty Welfare Committee on April 5th to propose the changes the C & T Committee would like to see in regards to the Peer Evaluation, and they were very receptive. The next step is to approach the Faculty Senate and the T & P Committee for their input, and Babanikos will do that in the near future.

- Rethinking the criteria for high/highest honors.
 - o There was discussion of perhaps tweaking the high/highest honors criteria so that it was more equitable for students. For instance, students working 30 or so hours a week, and who, as a result, cannot do internships, are at a disadvantage from being able to graduate with high/highest honors. This will be discussed in more depth at our May meeting.

Senior Examination

- Students had two weeks to complete their Senior Examination, and 94% (411 out of 438 graduating seniors) did so before the deadline, which was this past Monday, April 5th, at 10:00 pm.
- The average grade on the exam was about 80%. Babanikos will present a full analysis of the results at the next C & T meeting in May.
- Next semester, we will conduct the exam a little differently. Holds will be placed on students who have not completed the exam in the two-week window. This semester, holds were put on all students as soon as the exam went online, and a lot of problems ensued because students didn't have access to their transcripts until the exam was written, and the hold was manually lifted.

Allowing AI courses to count for the Quantitative Option.

- The university is making a big deal about introducing all student to AI, and the committee agreed that it would make sense if we were to add the two core classes of the university-wide Certificate in AI Fundamentals and Applications (EEL3872: Fundamentals of Artificial intelligence; and PHI3681: Ethics, data and Technology), to the list of courses CJC students can take to satisfy their 8 hours of the Quantitative Option.

Approving a permanent course number for AI in Media course.

- Journalism chair Ted Spiker presented the AI in Media and Society class for approval, and it was approved, though there was some discussion of whether the name should be changed to AI in Media instead of AI in Media and Society.

Approving three Telecom Sports Production courses.

- Telecommunication chair David Ostroff presented three Sports Production courses to the committee for approval – RTV3XXX: Live Sports Production; RTV4XXX Live Sports Production II; and RTVXXXX: Producing a Sports Show. All three courses were conditionally approved, pending on changes made to the syllabi regarding Office Hours

and a less ambiguous grading rubric for Participation and Performance in the Live Sports Production classes.

The meeting ended at 11:57 am.

Minutes submitted by James Babanikos.