

College of Arts & Letters College Undergraduate Council (CUC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 18, 2018

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

321 Linton Hall

Attendance: Anne Violin-Wigent, Kirk Kidwell, Dionne O'Dell (on behalf of Kirk Domer), Cristina Schmitt, David Prestel, Robin Silbergleid, David Godden, Jeffery Davis, Dmitrii Pastushenkov, Xiaowan Zhang, Lily Woodruff.

Guests: Dan Meier and Quinn Moreno (on behalf of Beth Judge), Kate Sonka.

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm.

1. Introductions

- What topics would you like to see addressed by this committee?
- What are your department/program goals in the area of undergraduate curriculum/programming for this year?

Diversifying courses offered (how it affects tuition), entrepreneurship, strengthening the majors in CAL, disability support and accommodations (tests), adapting international students to the new environment, revisions, integrate study abroad better for experiential learning, major and minor differentiation, diversify foundational level courses, and course codes.

2. Who will take minutes? Leann Dalimonte as the administrative assistant.

3. Welcome and Remarks by Associate Dean Sonja Fritzsche

- Goals and discussion items can be brought to this committee instead of CCC which is focused mostly on curriculum. This committee is not making any decisions independent of CCC, and will be reporting to the respective monthly meeting.
- Focus for the committee chair and committee should come from units' initiatives and goals; not just the Deans.

4. Election of Committee Chair

Motion to elect Kirk Domer as Chair of CUC by Dionne O'Dell, seconded by Anne Violin-Wigent. Election of Kirk Domer for chair was unanimously approved by the committee.

5. New Experiential Learning Requirement

Experiential Learning Requirement is a new requirement for undergraduate students to complete their major based on learning goals. It is instituted to help enhance the experience undergraduates receive for building their resume post-graduation. Removal of two cognates to one cognate with 15 credits, which will not change the time to degree with the addition of the 3 credits for experiential learning. Proposals and the review process are currently being reviewed by CCC. Advisors are meeting next week and setting up goals to make this an easy transition for students moving forward.

6. CAL Undergraduate Research Conference – March 22th

UURAF (forum typically held in April) prep or opportunity for undergraduate student research is in the Art Lab on 3/22/19. This conference is also in support for Citizen Scholars, who will not go to UURAF, and the focus is to help create an undergraduate research culture in the college (for example: Freshman Citizen Scholar's students).

7. Assessment Culture Suggestions – Kate Sonka ksonka@msu.edu

Academic technology office focused on teaching, learning, and assessment. MSU 2 year pilot with a platform Digication, helping students reflect on their learning and how to demonstrate that with an e-portfolio. It can be used as course based or for a program, whether that be a rubric for a course, or looking at program objectives and how students can represent their work. Currently working with Citizen Scholars and other programs to utilize the tool.

Questions: Accessibility for devices and different sensory impairments, how can this program be applicable across that? A: The company is very responsive for assistance and user feedback. The tool is user friendly across multiple devices, and has a focus on their site for how they accommodate different user impairments.

Accessible Learning Conference – Dec 5th & 6th looking at lower engagement type of presentations and information processing compared to high engagement. Students are a crucial part of the conference from planning to participation.

8. Science at the Sphere – MSU Museum (Contact Mark Auslander)

9. Other new business

10. Next meeting – November 13, 2018 at 3:30pm

- Is this committee a good idea? If so, will we be making a formal proposal to CAC? Representation by department, or by major program heads? Similar to teaching and learning committees?
- Kirk Domer will be sending out a call for topics.

Meeting adjourned at 4: 33pm.