Minutes of the December 8, 2016, UPCC meeting
12:30-2:00 p.m.
Prillaman Hall 1105

Members attending: Chris Brown, Liza Davis, Ana Edwards, D. Michael Franklin, Bill Griffiths, Sathish Kumar Gurupatham, Michelle Head, Carey Huddleston, Raynice Jean-Sigur (also proxy for Anete Vásquez, Gail Markle, Kevin McFall, Doug Moodie (also proxy for Debbie Benson), Rick Mosholder, Pinder Naidu, Charles Parrot, Don Robson, Gail Scott, Arief Setiawan, Brian Starkey, Susan Vande Ven, Jennifer Wade-Berg (Chair)

Guests: Tracy Carter (ICWD), Barbara Gainey (SOCM), Dick Gayler (CS/CCSE), Rongkai Guo (SWE/CGDD), Ken Hoganson (CS/CCSE), Polly Howes (SOCM), Tonya Jones (LIS), Mike Keleher (LIS), Herb Mattord (ICWD), Marilee McClure (Academic Affairs), Jack Moran (POLS), Fatih Oncul (CCE), Masako Racel (HIST), Erin Ryan (SOCM), Evelina Sterling (SCJ), Deanna Womack (SOCM)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. As the first order of business, Chair Jennifer Wade-Berg asked whether members recommended any edits to the minutes for the December 1 UPCC meeting. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Gail Scott made the motion, and Dr. Gail Markle seconded it; the minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Department of Computer Science

Dr. Ken Hoganson stepped forward to speak to the proposed Certificate in High Performance Computing and the four ACST course proposals listed with it on the agenda: ACST 3340 (New Course), 3330 (Change in Existing Course—Prereq.), 3510 (Change in Existing Course—Course Description, Prereq./Coreq., and Course Title), 4320 (Change in Existing Course –Credit Hrs. and Prereq.), and 4570 (Change in Existing Course—proposal added to the Agenda at the Registrar’s request).

Dr. Michelle Head noted an edit that needed to be made in the course description for one of the courses, and Registrar Edwards asked when the certificate program would be launched, indicating that new programs were typically introduced in the fall term. She added, however, that the courses could be offered in the spring of 2017 and, where necessary, added to the online catalog; the certificate program would be available to students in the fall of 2017.

Hearing no further discussion, Dr. Wade-Berg called for a motion to approve the program proposal and course package on second reading. Dr. Pinder Naidu made the motion, Dr. Michael Franklin seconded it, and the motion passed.
Dr. Herb Mattord came forward and announced that all the edits requested at the December 1 meeting had been made in the course proposals presented with the “New Program” proposal package for the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, Certificate in Cybersecurity, and Minor in Cybersecurity. He added that a separate policy had even been created for all online courses.

Dr. Bill Griffiths expressed concern that students who were not e-majors would have to switch majors to enroll in the more sophisticated cybersecurity courses under review. Dr. Mattord responded that students could take the CYBR courses without changing majors. Registrar Edwards then raised a question about the department that would house the new programs and certificate courses, and Dr. Mattord indicated that it would be the Department of Cybersecurity.

No further discussion ensuing, Dr. Moodie called for a motion to approve the program and course package on second reading. Dr. Naidu seconded. The vote was 15 in favor, 1 against, and 3 abstaining. The motion passed.

**COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**

*Department of Software Engineering and Game Development*

Dr. Franklin spoke to the two “New Course” proposals submitted by the Department of Software Engineering and Game Development, indicating that sample syllabi for each had been added to Curriculog. He said, too, that since both proposed courses bore the “Special Topics” designation, pre-reqs. could be added when the “Request for Special Topics Course Approval” forms for individual sections were submitted to the Registrar’s office. The catalog description would say “pre-req. varies by topic.”

Dr. Wade-Berg announced that a “Change in Program” form to add the new courses to the curriculum would *not* be necessary.

Hearing no further discussion, Dr. Wade-Berg called for a motion to approve the CGDD 2290 and 4490 proposals on first reading. Dr. Griffiths made the motion, Dr. Franklin seconded, and the motion passed. Dr. Griffiths then motioned to waive the second reading of the proposals, and Dr. Michelle Head seconded. The motion was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

*Department of Leadership and Integrative Studies*
Dr. Michael Keleher stepped forward to speak to the LIS Department’s “Change in Program, Requirements, or Policies” proposal for the B.S. in Integrative Studies and accompanying new course and “Change in Existing Course” proposals.

Dr. Keleher explained that the “Change in Program” proposal was a response to the LIS Department’s concerns about the actual integration of disciplines in INTS proposals, which was sometimes too flimsy to meet the degree’s goals. Addressing this issue had inspired the “New Course” proposals for INTS 1198, “Introduction to Integrative Studies,” and INTS 2298, “Integrative Research Methods.” Also proposed was the elimination of LDRS 3000, and upper-level course currently required of General Studies majors. Dr. Keleher explained that 3000 had proven to be too theoretical for these majors, LDRS 2000 being a better fit. Finally, the “Change in Program” proposal suggested the removal of the “Environmental Science” INTS track (Environmental Science is now a major in Biology) and the 9-credit-hour study abroad limit, which gave INTS majors too little flexibility.

Dr. Keleher also spoke to the proposed title change for INTS 4400, currently at odds with comparable directed study course titles across the university, and the proposed change in INTS 4490 that would remove references to African Diaspora Studies and Gender and Women’s Studies—programs now offered under the aegis of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

With no further discussion ensuing, Dr. Naidu made a motion to approve the package of INTS courses. Dr. Susan Vande Ven seconded, and the motion passed.

**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

*Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice*

Dr. Evelina Sterling presented the “Change in Existing Course” proposal for SOCI 3320, “Exploring the Aging Network,” explaining that the current course description’s assertion that students would learn through field trips was too limiting, especially now that the course (required for Gerontology minors) was being offered in a hybrid format.

No discussion followed, so Dr. Griffiths made a motion to approve the proposal on first reading. Dr. Don Robson seconded, and the motion passed. Dr. Griffiths then motioned to waive the second reading, and Dr. Franklin seconded. The motion was approved.

*Department of Geography and Anthropology*

No departmental representative was present to present the 10 “Change in Existing Course” proposals that had been submitted for first reading, but Dr. Griffiths made an omnibus motion to approve the entire package, since all the proposals called for a simple pre-req. change based on the revised General Education curriculum that had eliminated GEOG 2105. Dr. Vande Ven
seconded the motion, and it was approved. Dr. Griffiths then motioned to waive the proposal package’s second reading, followed by Dr. Mosholder’s second. The motion passed.

**Department of History and Philosophy**

Dr. Masako Racel addressed the justification for proposing a change in the B.A. in History based on the introduction of three new courses: HIST 3380, 3381, and 4163. She argued that these classes would fill in the range of upper-division offerings for History majors and minors. Registrar Edwards asked whether the new courses would be launched in the spring of 2017, and Dr. Racel responded that they would not be offered until the fall.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve the “Change in Program” and “New Course” proposals submitted by History and Philosophy. Dr. Moodie made the motion, Dr. Franklin seconded, and the motion passed. Dr. Mosholder then motioned to waive the second reading of the proposal package, and Dr. Franklin again seconded the motion, which subsequently passed.

**Department of Political Science and International Affairs**

Dr. Jack Moran came forward to present a “Change in Program name, Requirements, or Policies” proposal for the B.S. in International Affairs and two “Change in Existing Course” proposals for POLS 4439 and POLS 4449. The course title change for POLS 4439 would eliminate the term “Eurasia,” one that most students are not familiar with, and pre-req. change for POLS 4449 would substitute POLS 1101 for POLS 2250, putting the course more in line with its other IA counterparts. These course proposal changes necessitated a change, too, to the B.S. in International Affairs curriculum.

No discussion ensued, so Dr. Mosholder made a motion to approve the proposal package, and Dr. Susan Vande Ven seconded. As soon as this motion passed, Dr. Mosholder made a second to waive the package’s second reading. Dr. Raynice Jean-Sigur seconded, and the motion was approved.

**School of Communication in Media**

Dr. Barbara Gainey presented the substantive changes that underlay the “New Course” proposal for COM 2240; the proposal to discontinue COM 3366; and the proposal for a pre-req. change for COM 3435. She also discussed the “Change to Program” proposals for the B.S. in Journalism and Emerging Media, the B.S. in Media and Entertainment Studies, the B.S. in Organizational and Professional Communication, and the B.S. in Public Relations, explaining that all the changes were driven primarily by the future discontinuation of Communication as a major when the Board of Regents formally approved the new degrees. COM-prefix courses would still be available in the general education and graduate degree programs, but various prefix, prereq./coreq. , and title changes were necessary for JOUR-, MENT-, and ORGC-, and PR-prefix
courses. And to flesh out course offerings in the B.S. in Media and Entertainment Studies and the B.S. in Organizational and Professional Communication, four new upper-division courses were being proposed: MENT 3100, MENT 4436, MENT 4495, and ORGC 2030.

Dr. Gainey also explained that each of the B.S. programs in the School of Communication and Media would be gated: students would be required to take an entrance exam to be accepted. Dr. Griffiths asked how many opportunities students would have to take these exams, and Dr. Gainey responded that they could test three times. She added that applicants would be required, too, to have a 2.75 cumulative GPA to enter any of the majors. Students in each major would be encouraged to take courses in other majors offered by the School of Communication and Media, so language addressing the requirements to enroll in each specific major had been added to the degree proposals, along with rules for non-majors wishing to take JOUR, MENT, ORGC, or PR courses.

Dr. Gainey closed by noting that the School of Communication and Media had made arrangements with several other departments for their students to take certain upper-level courses in Communication, Journalism, Media and Entertainment Studies, Organizational and Professional Communication, and Public Relations. Dr. Wade-Berg asked that she provide a written list of these courses to the chairs of each department that was part of this arrangement.

Hearing no further discussion, Dr. Wade-Berg called for a motion to approve the entire package of courses presented by the School of Communication and Media on first reading. Dr. Mosholder made the motion, and Dr. Franklin seconded. When the votes were counted, 15 UPCC members had supported the motion, 1 had objected, so the motion passed.

Dr. Mosholder then motioned to waive the package’s second reading. Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Department of Civil and Construction Engineering

Dr. Fatih Oncul stepped forward to speak to the “New Minor” program proposal in Environmental Engineering, three “Change in Existing Course” proposals for CE 3201, 3501, and 3701.

In response to a question about the new minor, Dr. Oncul explained that no additional resources would be needed, since the program would use courses from other programs. Bill Griffiths then asked whether non-Engineering students could pursue the minor without Engineering standing, and Dr. McFall noted that this was an issue that needed to be addressed and would justify the minor proposal’s review only on first reading at the current meeting. Accordingly, Dr. Griffiths moved to approve the proposal for a Minor in Environmental Engineering on first reading, with
the understanding that the issue with Engineering standing would be addressed. Dr. Franklin seconded, and the proposal was approved for second reading.

Dr. Griffiths then made a motion to approve the three “Change in Existing Course” proposals on first reading, and Dr. Franklin seconded. The motion passed, and Dr. Griffiths immediately motioned to waive the second reading of these proposals. Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed.

No representative was available to present the “Change in Program” proposal for the B.A.S. in Information Technology, so Dr. Griffiths moved to table it, and Dr. Jean-Sigur seconded.

**COLES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Dr. Wade-Berg announced that the “Change in Existing Course” proposals for FIN 3100, IS 3100, ISA 3100, MGT 3100, and MKTG 3100 would need to be sent back to the Coles College Dean for further edits and called for a motion to table. Dr. Griffiths made the motion, Dr. McFall seconded, and the motion passed.

Dr. Herb Mattord then stepped forward to address the “Change in Program” proposal for the B.B.A. in Information Security and Assurance and the “Change to Existing Course—Description and Prereq.” proposal for ISA 4820 (both designed to provide a more management-focused experience).

With no discussion ensuing, Dr. Franklin made a motion to approve both proposals on first reading, and Dr. Charles Parrot seconded. When the votes were tallied, 18 UPCC members had supported the motion and one had objected to it, so the motion passed. Dr. Mosholder subsequently motioned to waive the proposals’ second reading. Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion was approved.

**COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**

*Department of Software Engineering and Game Development*

Dr. Rongkai Guo came forward to speak to the justification for five “Change in Existing Course” proposals submitted for CGDD 3103, and 4003, 4203 and CSE 1302 and 3801. He was met by concerns about there being different requirements for CGDD minors, who were not required to satisfy the pre-requisites for these upper-level CGDD courses, and CGDD majors, who were.

Dr. Head suggested that a solution might be to have two different versions of each course, with differing course content, for majors and minors. The issue was resolved in the ensuing discussion, so Dr. Griffiths moved to approve the three CGDD course proposals on first reading. Dr. Franklin seconded, and the motion passed. Dr. Griffiths then moved to waive the second reading, and Dr. Scott seconded. This motion, too, was approved.
Dr. Dick Gayler presented eight proposals, the first for a “Change to Program Name, Requirements, or Policies” for the Computer Science Minor, followed by “Change in Existing Course” proposals for CS 1301, CS/CSE 1302, CS 3530, and CS 3801; and two “Course Discontinuation” proposals for CS 3223 and 3530. Dr. Gayler explained that the changes would add flexibility to the Computer Science minor, provide additional security topics to CS 1301 and 1302 (to satisfy accreditors), and clean up remaining issues left over from consolidation.

Hearing no discussion, Dr. Wade-Berg called for a motion to approve the entire proposal package on first reading. Dr. Griffiths obliged, with Dr. Scott providing the second. The motion was approved. Dr. Mosholder then made a motion to waive the second reading, and Dr. Parrot seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.