

MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
3:00 P.M., October 12th, 2017
Library 407

Ms. Jennifer Peters called meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. after a quorum was reached.

Voting Members in Attendance: Beverly Schaeffer, Makenna Green, Yuthika Kim, Debbie Meyers, Bruce Cook, Scott Carter, Haifeng Ji, Greg Holland, Liz Largent, Jill Hibblen, Lisa Buckelew, Michael Machiorlatti, John Claybon

Absent Voting Members: Ron Feller, Michelle Cole, Julie Rice-Rollins

Non-voting Members in Attendance: Jennifer Peters, Kim Jameson, Ann Raia, Stephanie Miller

Absent Ex-Officio Members: Greg Gardner, Sonya Gore,

Others in Attendance: Shanna Padgham

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved by silent assent.

General Education Update: None.

Non-Substantive Changes: None.

Curriculum Proposals:

1. Curriculum Proposal-Associate in Arts: Political Science/Pre-Law

Students majoring in Political Science/PreLaw should complete a public speaking course. To accomplish inclusion of a public speaking course in the curriculum pattern, the Political Science faculty propose removing the requirement of completion of both HIST 1483 United States History Before 1877 and HIST 1493 United States History Since 1877. Removal of one course allows students the choice of one or the other. COMM 2213 Introduction to Public Speaking will replace the three credit hour gap left with the removal of a second history course.

Public speaking will almost certainly be required throughout the Political Science/PreLaw graduate's career. AT OCCC, all POLSC 2000 level courses require a presentation, yet the program does not require COMM 2213 Introduction to Public Speaking to ensure that these skills are acquired prior to course enrollment and assignment completion. As OCCC Political Science/PreLaw students transfer to senior institutions, participation in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (OIL), and/or Debate is a likely expectation. Skills acquired in this course will benefit them in meeting these extracurricular expectations. Following graduation from senior institutions, successful public speaking skills will enhance the political science student's abilities throughout his/her career. As a current example, this past week, within fifteen minutes of contact from a local television station, a member of the POLSC faculty was on the air providing insight into facets of Oklahoma politics.

This change in curriculum pattern is not expected to negatively affect transfer to senior institutions. Faculty have consulted with USAO and OCU partners and the response from faculties of both institutions was positive. Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma require completion of a speech course, so this change should be of benefit to students intending to transfer there. While inclusion of COMM 2213 will not benefit students transferring to the University of Oklahoma, changing this

history requirement to just one or the other will be of benefit as just one history course is required of OU POLSC graduates.

Motion to approve the curriculum pattern modification to the AA in Political Science/Pre-Law was made by Greg Holland and seconded by Debbie Myers.

For; 14 Motion carried

Next meeting scheduled October 26th

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 P.M.