

IFO Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

March 17, 2022

Present: Carol Reid, Andrew Carlson, Kevin Spading, Christine Larson, Ibrahim El-Shekeil, Gemma Puntì, Marcia Hagen, Sarah Lee (student, Nursing Education)

1. Motion to approve current agenda: Approved.
2. Motion to approve Feb minutes: Approved.
3. Proposal 1: EDU 460 and EDU 470. Motion to approve, seconded.
 - a. Credit reduction from 8 to 6. Rationale is that the course needs to fit within the 120 credit requirement for the major program.
 - b. Both courses are approved for the reduction.
4. Proposal 2: TCID Game Certs (4). Motion to approve, seconded.
 - a. Discussion – why 4 certs (as opposed to two larger ones, e.g.)?
 - i. Response: Based on industry needs and to be responsive to what students are expecting/needing to do to be qualified or prepared for the careers.
 - b. Discussion – stackability of credentials?
 - i. Currently there is no GS major, so a student could stack the certificates into a minor. Would completing the minor then erase the certificates? Registrar's office would take care of this. We would want to avoid listing both certificates plus minor? Alex will raise this with her contact at MN State.
 - c. Question – consultation with marketing?
 - i. Yes, it was done. Approval for both is in the email log.
 - d. Discussion – is the 2-credit structure going to function as true 2 credit courses, and are they going to fill?
 - i. Most of these courses are based on 4 credit courses that are being split into two, two credit courses. TCID is removing the 4 credit courses and replacing them with the 2 – 2 courses.
 - e. Vote on all four certs: Approved.
5. Proposal 3: TCID 391 – Race and Identity in Video Games. Motion to approve. Seconded.
 - a. Discussion – cornerstone of each of the programs. This 2-credit course will focus exclusively on race and identity.
 - b. Discussion: Course title. Student Learning Outcomes (several verbs).
 - c. Course is approved with minor changes to use a single verb in the student learning outcomes.
6. Proposal 4: TCID 395 – Game Design in Unity. Motion to approve. Seconded.
 - a. Discussion – the role of Unity in game studies as a visual scripting language.
 - b. Course is approved.
7. Proposal 5: MKTG 425: Advanced Digital Marketing. Motion to approve. Seconded.
 - a. Discussion – introduction to digital marketing analysis and how the course is structured.
 - b. Discussion – consultation. Access to datasets through the library. It can take a year for the library to add a subscription to some online resources.
 - c. Discussion – the course contributes quantitative skills to students in the program.
 - d. Discussion – revision on two of the learning objectives that include the verb “understand.”

- e. Course is approved with minor changes to two LOs.
8. Proposal: PSYC 355 – Foundations of Early Childhood Studies. Motion to approve. Seconded.
- a. Discussion – background. The course is being developed to provide an intro to the Early Childhood major. The course prepares people with no EC background and with some experience from the CTCs for further study in ECD.
 - b. Discussion – LO 1. Change verb from examine to something else.
 - c. Discussion – other LOs may be covered in other classes. Why are they still in this course?
 - d. Discussion – there are LOs that are described but are not present in the course. They should be added.
 - e. Move to table. Second. Approved. Heidi will revise the LOs and bring the course back to the April meeting.
 - f. Post – discussion. There is a paragraph in Q 10 that may not align with the requirements of the question (the final paragraph). Carol will make some recommendations for the proposers.
9. Updates.
- a. Procedure 258 review and recommendations. All questions on proposals need to be responded to, including consultation logs. We need the documentation to be sure that we are connecting with other units, etc.
 - b. CCR process is not adequate for substantial course changes.
 - c. Electronic course proposal form to support consistent signature page. Carol will investigate PDF Fillable form from IT.
 - d. Electronic course proposal system? – table to future meeting.
10. Adjourned – 11:11.