

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR

SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

I. Craig Bain - Chair of UCC – Welcome and Introductions, 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

II. Dr. Karen Pugliesi – Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, 3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Pugliesi thanked and congratulated the UCC on last year's accomplishments with curriculum streamlining. Dr. Pugliesi would like the UCC to be aware of the university's strategic agenda and its implications for curriculum, including: 1. reducing the average plan credits to graduate from 133 to 120, curriculum is our future; 2. State funding will be related to performance and degrees awarded, not by the traditional FTE; 3. Our efforts should be focused on increasing student achievement and degree completion. We need to improve student retention and persistence in attainment, and we must do these with considerable constraints on resources.

Dr. Pugliesi asked the UCC to center their attention on: 1. the design of curricula- what is it that the proposal does to get the desired outcome. Strive to have analytical curricular maps, for all plans, with course outcomes to be sequenced in line with plan outcomes. 2. Ensure that requisite structures work toward student learning and progression. 3. UCC to be the leaders and help set the direction of the faculties. Keep in mind that the catalog is a by-product of the work of the UCC; de-couple the work from the catalog. The E-planning Initiative is reconfiguring the catalog for a new purpose and new design.

New federal regulations, from the Department of Education, prevent NAU from awarding aid to students pursuing free standing certificates, without substantial annual reporting. Does NAU need regular reviews of certificates and minors and should we look at the credit hour requirement for both and determine if they are in line with NAU's goals?

Liberal Studies had a program review. An action plan will come forward from the review.

The new Arizona articulation initiative - the Shared Unique Numbering (SUN) system – is taking shape. This goal of this system is to identify common courses that will transfer from community colleges to Arizona public universities without loss of credit toward a baccalaureate degree. SUN courses have unique three-letter prefixes and four-digit course numbers that represent direct course equivalencies for transfer to all three Arizona universities. Each institution retains original course numbers but uses the SUN to indicate commonality. The SUN system is being implemented in phases and 68 courses have been identified for inclusion in Phase 1.

The SUN web page is up and running at www.azsunsystem.com. NAU is working with a January 2012 implementation date and thus the current information found on the SUN web page has not yet been finalized and there will be corrections and additions to the SUN matrix throughout the semester. (To view the SUN Matrix of courses, click on "Administrator Resources" on the web page).

III. Minutes from previous meeting – [April 26, 2011](#) – approved as presented (2 abstentions)

IV. [Fast Track Approvals](#)

UCC Members present: Bain, Craig; Craig, Deborah; Decker, Ilene; Foley Jean Ann; Georgas, John; Gruber, Sibylle; Hackstaff, Karla; Hall, Ian; Hammersley, Charles; Kozak, Kathryn; Lockard, Louise; Pollak, Peggy; Shinham, Kathe; Sommerness, Martin; Woods, Gioia

V. Consent Items- approved as presented.

	Effective Date/ <u>Revised Effective Date</u>	<u>Summary of Changes</u>
A. College of Arts and Letters		
1. Art Education BSED Art Education BSED 8 Term Plan: Art Education BSED 8 Term Support: AZDE & NCATE	Fall 2012	Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted, Major Reqmts-Unit Change
B. College of Business, W.A. Franke		
1. International Hospitality International Hospitality Management BS 8 Term Plan: International Hospitality Management BS	Fall 2012	Major Reqmts-Course(s) Deleted, Text within Plan
C. College of Engineering, Forestry & Natural Sciences		
1. AST 401 AST 401 3 OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMY Support: PHY 580	Fall 2012	Co-convene, Prereqs
D. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences		
1. Social Work Prep Social Work Prep	Fall 2012	Delete Plan

E. Policy

1. [JLW Prerequisite Policy](#)

Fall 2012

Liberal Studies Committee

Support: [JLW Prerequisite Policy Support](#)

VI. Informational Items

1. [Incoming Transfer Course Evaluation](#)

Academic Affairs

Shift the evaluation of transfer courses for diversity right now to Admissions

VII. Additional Items

1. Fast Track Items will be handled as Consent Items are handled if there is a question about an item. A UCC member must request a Fast Track item to be removed from Fast Track Agenda at least 24 hours prior to the UCC meeting. The item will then be moved to the Action Agenda and a representative for that item must attend the UCC meeting to answer questions.
2. The Bachelor of University Studies will be on the next UCC Agenda as an action item.