

Undergraduate Programs Committee
Meeting Minutes
Oct. 4, 2021

1. **Attendees: Karen Graffius, Rosemary Kellison, C.J. Ivory, Beth Scullin, Tammy McLenny, Jason Nicholson, Jill Drake, Andy Walter, Melanie Conrad, Alison Mattison, Cliff Chestnutt, Ericka Wentz (Lynn Pazzoni proxy),**

Guest Presenters/Representatives: Bridgette Stewart, Michael Sinkey, Dave Ayers,
Andrew Edelman, Allison Umminger

2. **The meeting began at approximately 2:15**
3. **Due to technical difficulties, Rosemary Kellison resided over the meeting**
4. **New Program Proposals:**

A) Richards College of Business

1) Department of Accounting and Finance

a) [B.B.A. FINANCE](#)

Request: MODIFY PROGRAM

A modification to the B.B.A in Finance to offer concentrations in Financial Analytics, Corporate Analytics, and Investment Analytics.

Michael Sinkey was present to explain the modification to the BBA in Finance. The proposal passed with a vote of 9 yes and 1 abstention.

B) College of Arts, Culture and Scientific Inquiry

1) Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology

a) [BIOL 4430 Wildlife Techniques](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

This course provides students with the hands-on experience needed for careers in ecology, wildlife biology, veterinary science, and natural resources. Current courses do not provide a similar experience or content. The course has been

taught for the past two summers as a special topics course (BIOL 4985).
Course enrollment was 16 in 2021 and 19 in 2020.

Andrew Edelman spoke about the new BIOL course which was approved with 10 yes votes.

2) Center for Interdisciplinary Studies

a) [DATA SCIENCE](#)

Request: ADD NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY PATHWAY

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.) Data Science Pathway offers a blend of theoretical and practical knowledge of statistics and computer science, with the goal of preparing students for exciting data-oriented career opportunities in a variety of industries.

b) [NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT](#)

Request: ADD NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY PATHWAY

Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) - Natural Resources Management
The BIS in natural resources management is designed around the intersection between the ecological, physical, and social dimensions of the natural environment. This integrative program provides a broad foundation while allowing students to tailor their degrees to a specific area of interest. Graduates can pursue careers as natural resources managers, conservation scientists, environmental consultants/scientists, watershed/wetland scientists, soil & water conservationist, park rangers, land reclamation inspectors, and many other related fields or pursue graduate studies. Depending on the disciplines and electives students select, the pathway can be combined with minors in biology, geography, geology, or political science and certificates such as stream restoration or atmospheric science.

c) [WRITING](#)

Request: ADD NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY PATHWAY

Over the course of the last several years and more, Creative Writing has accounted for a considerable source of growth in the English Program. As we enter a historical moment in which stories (and the ability to craft successful

ones) are more important than ever, the Creative Writing faculty (including Drs. Margaret Mitchell, Chad Davidson, Alison Umminger, and Greg Fraser) has begun focusing more explicitly on the ways in which writing is an inherently interdisciplinary act and field of study. In response to our many conversations and thorough research regarding viability and practicality, we have developed a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Writing.

Andy Walter presented a brief explanation of the three interdisciplinary pathways. These proposals were voted on as a block and were approved with 9 yes votes.

3) Department of Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology

a) [SABH 1101 INTRO TO SOC & BEHAV HEALTH](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

See lengthy rationale in Curriculog.

Cliff Chestnutt mentioned that the COE offers a similar course to SABH 1101 and would very much like to collaborate with the Department of Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology on the new SABH course. It was approved with 8 yes votes and 1 abstention.

C) College of Education

1) Department of Sport Management, Wellness and Physical Education

a) [CMWL 3300 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

Currently, Medical Terminology is not offered as a course option for students. This course is a requirement for many students interested in pursuing healthcare-related careers or for admission to professional graduate programs. Offering this course will increase student learning, academic achievement, and career development.

b) [CMWL 3302 HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP AND POLICY](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

This course was previously offered as a special topics course: CMWL 4685 Healthcare Leadership & Policy. This course will support the Health and Community Wellness degree program and minor program.

c) [CMWL 3304 SEXUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

Based on survey data from current and past Health and Community Wellness students, there is much interest in a course focused on sexual health and wellness. Its addition will strengthen the academic program and student learning outcomes. This course will support the Health and Community Wellness degree and minor.

d) [HEALTH & COMMUNITY WELLNESS MINOR](#)

Request: MODIFY PROGRAM

Based on survey data from current and past students there is an interest in medical terminology, sexual health and wellness, and healthcare leadership and policy. The addition of these classes to the Health and Community Wellness minor increases student learning and academic success. Also, students are given more course offerings to complete the minor.

Bridgette Stewart gave a brief explanation of the new CMWL courses as well as the modification to the Health and Community Wellness Minor. The three courses were presented as a block and were approved with 9 yes votes and 1 abstention. The Health and Community Wellness Minor was approved with 8 yes votes and 1 abstention.

D) School of Communication, Film and Media

1) Department of Mass Communications

a) [GFA 1040 INTRO FILM & TV POST-PROD](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

GFA 1500 is the first required course in the new Film & Television Post-Production Certification Pathway. We have new programs that are being developed that will include this new certificate pathway including a new nexus degree. Additionally, UWG has existing programs, like the BIS degree, in which the certificate pathway can be embedded. For these programmatic reasons, we are adding this course to our catalog.

b) [GFA 3510 DIG ENTERTMNT & ESPRT EVNT DES](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

GFA 3510 is a course option in the new GFC/GFA Digital Entertainment, ESports and Game Development Certification Pathway.

c) [GFA 3520 DIG ENTERTMT & ESPRT CREAT DEV](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

GFA 3510 is course option in the new GFC/GFA Digital Entertainment, ESports and Game Development Certification Pathway.

d) [GFA 1500 INTRO DGTL, ENTERTMNT, ESPRT & GAME](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE

GFA 1500 is the first required course in the new GFC/GFA Digital Entertainment, ESports and Game Development Certification Pathway.

Jill Drake presented a brief explanation of the new GFA courses. These courses were presented as a block and were approved with 8 yes votes and 1 abstention. These courses are for an external certification through the Georgia Film Commission and not a UWG certificate.

E) University College

1) Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service

a) [B.S. CRIMINOLOGY POLICING CONCENTRATION](#)

Request: MODIFY PROGRAM:

The addition of a policing concentration within the existing Bachelor of Science in Criminology degree program is requested. The concentration offers

a degree with an in-depth concentration of policing, investigative, and analytic techniques, as well as insight police methods, including de-escalation and conflict recognition and mediation. In order to design this concentration, the following modifications were made to the Bachelors of Science in Criminology: General Electives: Reduced from 12 hours to 6 hours Legal Studies Area: Reduced from 6 hours to 3 hours (CRIM 3323 – Criminal Law not an option in Legal Studies area since required in Policing Concentration); Corrections & Social Services Area: Reduced from 6 hours to 3 hours; Global & Diversity Area: Reduced from 6 hours to 3 hours; Police & Society Area/Policing Concentration: Increased from 6 hours to 21 hours.

b) [CRIM 3501 ADVANCED CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE: This is a new course request for new Policing Concentration within B.S. in Criminology (required course in Policing Concentration). Course may also count as Upper-Division Criminology Elective for Criminology majors and minors not in Policing Concentration.

c) [CRIM 4007 CRIME MAPPING](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE: This is a new course request for new Policing Concentration within B.S. in Criminology (required course in Policing Concentration). Course may also count as Upper-Division Criminology Elective for Criminology majors and minors not in Policing Concentration.

d) [CRIM 4068 CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND POLICING](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE: This is a new course request for new Policing Concentration within B.S. in Criminology (required course in Policing Concentration). Course may also count as Upper-Division Criminology Elective for Criminology majors and minors not in Policing Concentration.

e) [CRIM 4251 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN POLICING](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE: This is a new course request for new Policing Concentration within B.S. in Criminology (required course in Policing Concentration). Course may also count as Upper-Division Criminology Elective for Criminology majors and minors not in Policing Concentration.

f) [CRIM 4334 HUMAN TRAFFICKING](#)

Request: ADD NEW COURSE: This is a new course request for new Policing Concentration within B.S. in Criminology (required course in Policing Concentration). Course may also count as Upper-Division Criminology Elective for Criminology majors and minors not in Policing Concentration.

Dave Ayers gave an explanation of the new B.S. in Criminology Policing Concentration and the new courses associated with it. The B.S. was approved with 10 yes votes. The CRIM courses were considered as a block and was approved with 8 yes votes.

There was no new or old business discussed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45.