University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2021-2022
Susan Sanchez, Chair
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Nicholas Fuhrman
Arts and Sciences – Jonathan Haddad (Arts)
Rodney Mauricio (Sciences)
Business – Jim Carson
Ecology – Amanda Rugenski
Education – David Jackson
Engineering – Kun Yao
Environment and Design – Ashley Steffens
Family and Consumer Sciences – Sheri Worthy
Forestry and Natural Resources – Joseph Dahlen
Journalism and Mass Communication – Dodie Cantrell-Bickley
Law – Randy Beck
Pharmacy – Michelle McElhannon
Public and International Affairs – Leah Carmichael
Public Health – Allan Tate
Social Work – Harold Briggs
Veterinary Medicine – Shannon Hostetter
Graduate School – Wendy Ruona
Ex-Officio – Provost S. Jack Hu
Undergraduate Student Representative – Matthew Jue
Graduate Student Representative – Sarah Burns

The Full University Curriculum Committee met on April 23 and August 27, 2021. Since the last report to University Council, the committee approved 63 new courses and 63 course changes.

The committee approved the following proposals, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration:

- Proposal to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture
- Proposal for a new minor in Elementary Agricultural Education
- Proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in News Literacy
- Proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in One Health
- Proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in International Law
- Proposal to change the name of the major in Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development (M.S.) to Integrative Conservation and Sustainability (M.S.)
- Proposal for a new major in Regenerative Bioscience (B.S.)
- Proposal for a new major in Data Science (M.S.)
• Proposal to offer the existing major in Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing (M.B.B.) at the Beijing University of Chemical Technology
• Proposal for a new University of Georgia Research Institute
• Proposal to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture
• Proposal for a new Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 23, Improvement and Documentation of Teaching Effectiveness
• Proposal to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break
• Proposal for Connect and Complete: Persistence Framework
• Proposal to change the number of hours a student can register for without an override

The committee approved the proposal to make the following changes under the major in Horticulture (B.S.A.):
• Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Horticulture Science
• Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Landscape Contracting
• Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Sustainable Food Production in Horticulture

The committee approved the proposal to make the following changes under the major in Art (B.F.A.):
• Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Art X: Expanded Forms
• Change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Photography to the Area of Emphasis in Photography and Expanded Media

The committee approved the proposal to make the following changes under the major in Applied Biotechnology (B.S.A.B.):
• Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Food Science and Technology
• Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Applied Economics
• Create a new Area of Emphasis in Agricultural Business and Communications
• Create a new Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Sciences

The committee approved the proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Educational Studies in Early Childhood Education to the Area of Emphasis in Educational Studies in Elementary Education under the major in Elementary Education (B.S.Ed.)

The committee approved the proposal for a new prefix, SPTM, Sports Media.

The committee approved the proposal to revise the entrance requirements for the major in Science Education (B.S.Ed.).

The committee approved the proposal to revise the high-demand selection criteria for the Area of Emphasis in Graphic Design under the major in Art (B.F.A.).

The committee approved the proposal to offer the existing major in Applied Behavior Analysis (M.S.) with a Non-Thesis Option and increase the total major hours from 36 to 39.
After extensive discussion about the proposal for a new Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 23, Improvement and Documentation of Teaching Effectiveness, a motion was made for a friendly amendment to remove questions 6 and 7 from the required course evaluation questions. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made for a friendly amendment to remove question 5 from the required course evaluation questions. The motion was seconded and approved. The committee approved the proposal with the two friendly amendments.

The committee discussed forming a subcommittee to look at prerequisites on upper division undergraduate classes (4000-level). The objective would be to ensure that students signing up for 4000-level classes have a clear idea of what is expected, which would enable instructors to not reduce the rigor of the course to accommodate students who signed up for a class without having the necessary background. A motion was made to form this subcommittee. The motion was seconded and approved.

The committee elected Susan Sanchez as the University Curriculum Committee Chair for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

The committee elected the following course approval subcommittee chairs:

Rodney Mauricio, Chair of the Physical Sciences and Mathematics Subcommittee
Joseph Dahlen, Chair of the Biological Sciences Subcommittee
Harold Briggs, Chair of the Social Sciences Subcommittee
Jonathan Haddad, Chair of the Humanities and Fine Arts Subcommittee
Jim Carson, Chair of the Other Professional Courses Subcommittee

A motion was made to move the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources from the Social Sciences CAPA Subcommittee to the Physical Sciences and Mathematics CAPA Subcommittee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chair Susan Sanchez requested volunteers to serve on three UCC subcommittees – Cultural Diversity, Environmental Awareness, and Experiential Learning. Leah Carmichael and Dodie Cantrell-Bickley volunteered to serve on the Cultural Diversity Subcommittee. Shannon Hostetter volunteered to serve on the Environmental Awareness Subcommittee. Kun Yao and Nick Fuhrman volunteered to serve on the Experiential Learning Subcommittee. David Jackson asked about the Hybrid and Online Teaching Subcommittee and if it would continue to hold meetings. David agreed to contact the members of the committee.

The following information items were presented to the committee:

The Study Away Subcommittee met on March 26, 2021.

The Cultural Diversity Subcommittee met on April 8, 2021, and approved the request to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the Cultural Diversity Requirement for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences:

- ANTH 2800, Food, Environment, and Culture
• ENGL 4700, Early American Literature

The General Education Subcommittee met on April 16, 2021, and approved the request to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the General Education Requirement for Area IV, Humanities and the Arts:

• COMM 1000, Introduction to Human Communication
• COMM 1000E, Introduction to Human Communication

The Environmental Awareness Subcommittee met on January 25 and April 19, 2021. The Environmental Awareness Subcommittee approved the requests to include the following courses in the list of courses that satisfy the Environmental Awareness Requirement:

• INTL 4610, Environmental Politics
• JURI 4810/6810, Environmental and Natural Resources Law

The Experiential Learning Subcommittee met on April 29, 2021.

The Experiential Learning Subcommittee approved the following non-credit activities to fulfill the Experiential Learning Requirement and be included as options on the Experiential Learning Transcript:

• COVID-19 Navigators (Arts and Sciences; Service)
• Virtual Buenos Aires Internship (Arts and Sciences; Internship)
• University Hackathons – UGAHacks (Arts and Sciences; Service)

The Experiential Learning Subcommittee approved the following non-credit activities to be included as options on the Experiential Learning Transcript:

• IMPACT Service Break Participants (Student Affairs; Service)
• Georgia African American Male Experience – GAAME (Diversity and Inclusion; Leadership)
• UGA Griffin Campus Industry and Professional Partners Internship (UGA Griffin Campus; Internship)
• PR and Marketing Intern – Digital Library of Georgia (University Libraries; Internship)

Based on the authority granted by the Experiential Learning Subcommittee, the following items were administratively approved:

• The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has requested the following amendment to the College’s Experiential Learning Plan. These courses and non-credit activities were previously approved by the Experiential Learning Subcommittee to fulfill the requirement and be included as options on the Experiential Learning Transcript.
- Auxiliary Services Summer Ambassadors (*Finance and Administration; Leadership*)
- Beacon Fellows Internship Program (*Office of Instruction; Internship*)
- DAE Peer Allies (*Office of Instruction; Leadership*)
- FCID 4500/6500, Interdisciplinary Sustainability Capstone (*Arts and Sciences; Internship*)
- IDEA 4020/6020, Industry Student Fellows Projects (*Office of Instruction; Creative*)
- Loop Abroad Virtual Internship Program (*Office of Instruction; Internship*)
- Southland Organics Internship (*Office of Instruction; Internship*)

Susan Sanchez, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
    Dr. Rahul Shrivastav