

True Blue Core Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2024

Voting members in attendance: Stephanie Totty, Laura Cochrane, Janet Colson, Teresa Davis, Rebecca Fischer, Keith Gamble, Natalie Griffin, Yi Gu, Angela Hooser, Sungyoon Lee, Suzanne Mangrum, Ann McCullough, Scott McDaniel, Keely O'Brien, Amy Sayward, Jorge Vargas

Voting members absent: Giselle Noel, Kera Reynolds, Andrea Hall

Ex Officio in attendance: Susan Myers-Shirk, Jeff Gibson, Christopher Brewer

Implementation Team in attendance: Christabel Devadoss, Tammy Melton, Kristen West, Elizabeth Wright

Faculty Senate Observers in attendance: N/A

True Blue Core Team in attendance: Christina Cobb, Abby Arnold, Molly Walters
Guests: Tim Greer, Mary Beth Asbury

The minutes from December 01, 2023 were approved unanimously without any comments or corrections.

CJA 1100 Criminal Justice Administration

Proposed for Explorations in History & Civic Learning

Department represented by Dr. Elizabeth Wright, also an Implementation Team member

The committee noted that the word "administration" in the course title distracts from general education goals. The department agrees and has plans to remove it in the future. There was some committee discussion about whether the course was too career-oriented; however, the course is not required for majors and the career information is provided for non-majors.

CJA 1100 APPROVED: 16-0-0

COMM 2140 Introduction to Organizational Communication

Proposed for Explorations in Human Society and Social Relationships

Department represented by Mary Beth Asbury, Chair, Communication Studies

The committee expressed concerns about alignment of the course to the critical thinking outcome. They noted that the assessable assignment was mostly about describing observations, not critical analysis and wanted to see a better alignment between the assignment and the outcome.

Amy Sayward motioned to table; Teresa Davis seconded.

COMM 2140 TABLED: 14-1-1

COMM 2100 Introduction to Health Communication

Proposed for Explorations in Human Society and Social Relationships

Department represented by Mary Beth Asbury, Chair, Communication Studies

The committee raised concerns about the validity of this course for the category and specifically about the alignment of the assessable assignment with the critical thinking outcome.

Committee members asked for clarification on the implications of a motion to table v. rejecting a proposal. Myers-Shirk explained that tabled proposals could be brought back to the committee at any time and that the course originator/department could provide additional information that would allow the committee to reconsider the proposal. Rejecting a proposal sends it back to the course originator and requires them to submit a new proposal.

Keith Gamble motioned to table; Scott McDaniel seconded.

COMM 2100 TABLED: 11-4-0

COMM 2830 Introduction to Online Communication

Proposed for Explorations in Human Society and Social Relationships

Department represented by Mary Beth Asbury, Chair, Communication Studies

Some committee members raised concerns about whether the course was appropriate to the category and whether the assessable assignment aligned sufficiently to the critical thinking outcome.

Amy Sayward motioned to table, but was not seconded

COMM 2830 APPROVED: 14-1-1

INFS 1300 Introduction to Cybersecurity

Proposed for Explorations in Human Society and Social Relationships

Department represented by Tim Greer, Department Chair, and Nita Brooks

The committee expressed concerns that the title did not reflect general education content of the course. Several committee members made suggestions for alternative titles that would be more appropriate for a general education course.

There was some discussion about how quickly and by what mechanism the title could be changed. Some committee members expressed concern that the current title implied the course was too oriented toward professional skills and preferred to have the title changed in time for the 2024 catalog.

Keith Gamble motioned to approve conditional on a change in title as soon as possible; Suzanne Mangrum seconded.

[Note: This course was under consideration concurrently in UCC for a prefix change from INFS to CYBM]

INFS 1300 CONDITIONALLY APPROVED: 13-0-0

JOUR 2720 Digital Media Skills

Proposed for Information Literacy

Department representatives were unable to attend the meeting

The committee expressed concerns about the alignment of the assessable assignment to the information literacy outcome.

Amy Sayward motioned to table; Laura Cochrane seconded

JOUR 2720 TABLED: 13-0-0