

**University Curriculum Committee
2017-2018
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Zumberge Hall - 3062 JHZ**

Present: Robert Adams (Chair), Sarah Beaubien, Martin Burg, Maria Fildalgo-Eick, Darleen Hoffert, Barb Hoogenboom, Kevin Lehnert, Bruce Ostrow, Scott Rood, Ellen Schiller, Ellen Schindel (ex-officio), Kevin Strychar, Keith Watts, Paul Yu

Called to order: 2:03 PM

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes from 9/13/17
- 9795 SW 320 CCP
- 9799 SW 439 CCP
- 9800 SW 453 CCP
- 9807 SW 470 CCP
- 9898 SW 672 CCP
- 9899 SW 674 CCP
- 9900 SW 677 CCP
- 9901 SW 693 CCP
- 9902 SW 631 CCP
- 9903 SW 640 CCP
- 9904 SW 669 CCP
- 9905 SW 678 CCP
- 9906 SW 695 CCP
- 9907 SW 612 CCP
- 9850 HTM 101 CCP
- 9852 HTM 437 CCP
- 9851 HTM 402 CCP
- 9853 HTM 440 CCP
- 9854 HTM 422 CCP

Report from the Chair: Proposals that have been returned to the author from a Curriculum Committee review and are over 1 year old in the system after the most recent committee action will be rejected automatically after a final email to the authors concerning the action is provided. There are nearly 200 'old' proposals that have been dormant and since it has been 1 year since the institution and adoption of this policy, UCC would like to have this acted upon. A UCC motion to approve the proposals rejection, pending notification of authors of courses whose courses will be rejected from the cue, was approved. There will be some additional time for the authors to do something with their proposals prior to their being dropped, which will be specified in the memo sent.

Report from the Provost's Office: Cognates are now part of program requirements, which is causing some issues for some majors that did not plan for the transition

New Business

- Community Based Learning (CBL) Designation: The documents provided to UCC for review by the UCC chair were approved without amendment. UCC asks that the documents be submitted to the Provost's office for final approval by faculty Senate.
- Discussion of Digital Badges: The following draft designation of a digital badge program at GVSU was discussed. It reads as follows (taken from online discussion and comments):

Draft Definition, Policy, and Procedures for Curriculum based Student Digital Badges at GVSU

Purpose

A badge is a focused collection of courses that, when completed, affords the student a record of coherent academic

accomplishment in a given discipline or set of related disciplines. Unlike a standalone certificate, a badge does not necessarily lead to employment in a given discipline. Rather, it is simply a recognition that the student has expertise in a given area. Badges are available to both undergraduate and graduate students, degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking students alike. However, no financial aid is available for non-degree students only pursuing a badge.

Criteria

1. Badges are usually a focused collection of courses, with a minimum of 9 credits.
2. New courses are normally not created for a badge.
3. Minimum standards for academic progress should be identical to those of existing program(s). Additional standards or requirements may be imposed by the proposing unit.

Procedure

- Badges are created and submitted using the New Badge Proposal Form in Sail, the online curriculum system. Badges must be approved by the unit, CCC, academic dean, UCC, and the Provost.
- Badges are currently not tracked in MyPath. Students and their advisors must ensure requirements for a badge are fulfilled.

Pilot Test Badges from CIS

The School of Computing will be pilot testing three graduate badges:

1. Cybersecurity CIS 615, and two of CIS 616, CIS 617, CIS 618.
2. Web and Mobile Computing CIS 657, CIS 658, and one of CIS 654, 656, 673.
3. Data Analytics three of CIS 635, CIS 671, CIS 677, CIS 678.

A discussion concerning what badges were and how they may benefit a student (and GVSU) ensued. As a result of the discussion, a proposal for running a pilot badge for 3 programs that were certificates is being proposed, and no objections were raised in the UCC. It was also suggested that we look at other designations and distinctions to see if they could be converted to badges, and make sure the language of defining a badge is open enough to enable flexibility in its adoption. The proposal above is being adjusted based on discussions in the meeting to provide a trial run for 3 academic badges. UCC chair has been asked to draft a formal motion to then reflect the wishes of UCC at this time concerning pilot digital badges.

● **Adjourned:** 4:00 PM