

College Curriculum Committee
Oct. 20, 2020, 3:30 pm (Remote)

Minutes

The meeting was remotely called to order @3:30 pm.

Members present

- O'Malley School of Business: *Musa Jafar, Yassir Samra*
- School of Education and Health: *Jeff Cherubini – Chair, Sr. Mary Ann Jacobs*
- School of Engineering: *Qian Wang, John Lylegian*
- School of Liberal Arts: *Sara Scott, Evelyn Scaramella*
- School of Science: *Matthew Jura, Tina Tian*
- CFA: *Joan Cammarata*

Excused: None

Absent: None

Guests: Daniel Savoy, Chair of Department of Art History and Digital Media Art (DMA) to answer questions and provide insights as they relate to the newly proposed Major in “Digital Media Arts”

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The agenda minutes for the meeting consisted of:

- Approval of the Agenda for the current meeting.
- Approval of the Minutes from the – Sept. 15, 2020 meeting.
- The Chair's Report from the AEC meeting.
- A Proposal for the new Major in Digital Media Arts (DMA).
- Other Business as well as confirming the date of the Next Meeting – November 17, 2020.

The agenda for the Oct. 20-2020 meeting was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes from the – Sept. 15, 2020 meeting

The minutes from the Sept. 15-2020 meeting were officially and unanimously approved.

Chair's Report from EAC Oct. 06 & Oct. 16 meetings

The Educational Affairs Committee (EAC) met on Oct. 06-2020 to review and discuss the merger of the School of Science and the school of Liberal Arts initiative. On Oct. 16-2020 the committee met again and voted on the final report prior to sending a letter of recommendation to the President. The Committee unanimously approved the report findings as well as a letter to the President recommending “Not to merge the two Schools” at this time.

The Proposal for the new Major in Digital Media Arts (DMA)

The CCC Chair introduced the proposal & the floor was opened for discussion of the proposal.

- A member of the committee pointed out that the proposal included a request for an additional faculty line. Given the current unusual climate and its challenges, their concern was

(1) whether administration will approve a new faculty line, and (2) will the major still be able to go forward if the faculty line was not approved. It was agreed that the role of the CCC is to vet the curriculum itself. Whether an additional faculty line will be approved or not, that is not within the CCC mandate.

- A SOLA member of the CCC briefed the Committee members on the discussions that took place at the SOLA-CC level where the proposal was unanimously approved before it was submitted to the College's CC.
 - The current minor is extremely popular.
 - Given the interdisciplinary nature of the new Major, faculty across SOLA are in support of the new Major.
 - SOLA faculty think that given the proximity to the city, the major will be very appealing to new students and will provide many internship opportunities.
- Currently the minor in DMA has 63 students. A question was raised as to what might be the impact of the new major on other departments as well as their majors, if a considerable number of the students minoring in DMA decided to migrate to the new major.
- At this point of time in the meeting, the head of Digital Media Arts joined the meeting and answered questions as they relate to the new major.
 - The new DMA major is expected to be a growth major with students are encouraged to double majoring in DMA as well as other disciplines such as Communication.
 - The DMA major is expected to fill a gap and create an outlet that will strengthen the technical skills of other majors that are closely related.
 - As for a new faculty line, it is tied to the number of incoming Freshmen and transfers.
 - The minor currently has about 63 students. speculatively about 50% of the minoring students may convert to the new major.
 - With the course offerings of the new major, there will be more sections offered in the major which helps the minoring students satisfy their requirements as well as the students minoring in DMA.
- At this point of time, the head of Digital Media Arts left the meeting and the meeting continued.
- A motion to approve the Major in Digital Media Arts (DMA) was presented to the floor and the major was unanimously approved.
- Other Business: None
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved
- Next meeting is Nov 17th

Respectfully submitted,
Musa J. Jafar