

CAS Faculty Assembly

October 18, 2024

2:00 PM

Kinard Auditorium 018

- I. Welcome – Jo Koster
 - a. Called to start 2:02 pm
 - b. Quorum not met, motion to hold business, seconded, and approved
- II. Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2024, meeting – [Appendix A](#)
 - a. Amendments for an updated version for full notes
 - b. Motion to approve, seconded, and approved
- III. CAS Committees
 - a. CAS Curriculum Committee – Jennifer Schafer – [Appendix B](#)
Results of Electronic Voting 9/6/2024
 - i. Passed: BIOL 360, BIOL 480, NUTR 223, NUTR 428, NUTR 527, ANTH 331, ENVS 355
 - ii. **Passed: BS-BIOL, BS-BIOL Conservation, BS-BIOL-Biomedical Research**
 - iii. **Inactivated: BS-BIOL Medical Technology, BA Math Teacher Certification, BS Math Teacher Certification**
 - iv. **Passed by Graduate Faculty: PSYC 614, MATH 601**
 - b. Announcement of passing from electronic voting
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 - c. New curriculum moves
 - i. Modifications-passed
 - 1. Biol 524 name change
 - 2. Geog 305, 308, 320, 471, and 495 to support new GIS program
 - 3. MLAN 591/591M/591S
 - 4. SCIE 391/591
 - ii. New courses-passed
 - 1. Biol 421 Histology
 - 2. Geog 330, 355, 472/473, 355, 496/497, 499

- 3. Phys 305
 - iii. Programs-passed
 - 1. Modifications
 - a. Minor in physics
 - b. Minor in humanities
 - 2. New- microcertificate in GIS
 - iv. Inactivations-passed MLAN 592
 - v. Petitions shared
 - 1. PLSC blanket petitions counting special topics courses towards major/minor
 - d. CAS Nominating and Rules Committee—Silvia Wozniak
 - i. Nominations for one position on the General Education Curriculum Committee (to replace Duha Hamed)
 - 1. Aimee Meader (MCOM) (elected by qualtrics vote)
 - 2. Heather Listhartke (English)
 - e. CAS Diversity and Inclusion Committee—Jennifer Dixon-McKnight
 - i. Introduction of new co-chair (Katharine Hubbard)- at a conference
 - ii. Presentation of IDEA Award
 - 1. Department of Political Science, Religion, Philosophy received the annual award
- IV. New Dacus Resources—Martha Smith, Dacus Library
- a. New resources and reminders
 - i. Ebsco has a new interface
 - ii. Artstor is fully integrated into JSTOR, no longer separate
 - iii. Mometrix is a fairly new database for test prep materials
 - iv. Faculty can receive Chronicle of Higher Ed, New York Times, Cabells Journalytics, and have access to "free" publishing of OER resources through a partnership with Springer

- v. Students have access to research guides, information literacy presentations, and book a librarian (with new materials)
- vi. OER- reduce student costs, support student success and retention, allows tailoring of materials to course,
- vii. Library renovation—looking at updating the library space in needs of students, staff, and faculty
- viii. Collection Assessment- in conjunction with the library renovation, there is a culling of old, outdated materials and they need department and faculty help to decide usefulness of materials

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Remarks from the Dean – Takita Sumter

a. Sure presentation starting at 3:00 in Dalton and Sims

b. Faculty Kudos

i. Thanks to Everyone in helping students and coming together through hurricanes, tornados, etc

ii. MCOM

1. Jasmine Diaz Paper student accepted in PCAS/ACS under Dr. Hubbard

2. Dr. Hubbard in 2 book chapters in *Media Ethics at Work*

3. MComm days coming up in October with 15 guest speakers, alumni, etc focused on Sharing Stories, Building Connections

iii. History

1. Dr. Eddie Lee received the Order of the Palmetto from the state of South Carolina and the 2024 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from the Alumni Association

2. SC Association of Teacher Education Conference organized by Margaret Gillikin

3. Margaret Gillikin and Ginger Williams Published a book chapter in *Critical Empathy as Teacher Education Reform*

iv. English

1. Jo Kostner- chapter "Nuns and Nun--sense" in *Authentically Medieval* and book review published in *Sixteenth Century Journal*
2. Matt Fike- article published in *Journal of Jungian Scholarly Studies* and a conference presentation at *Jungian Society of Scholarly Studies*
3. Amanda Hiner- Book Chapter published in *Satire--Handbuch*
4. Dustin Hoffman- several publications in creative journals *Fractured Lit*, *Cimarron Review*, and *Alaska Quarterly Review*

v. World Languages

1. Dr. Adam Glover: two publications in *Humanistica Lovaniensia* and *Renascence*
2. Dr. Scott Shinabargar presented at the Semicentennial Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium at Duke University

vi. Political Sciences, etc

1. Leah McMillan and Scott Huffman- Winthrop Poll—[results link](#)
2. Toni Hobart- hosted constitution day event with local Chief Justice and established the first internship in the South Carolina State Supreme Court-- Olivia Witfield student
3. Jennifer Disney- Hosted the Presidential Debate Watch Party for hundreds of students, jam-packed in Dina's Place, with overflow in the Fishbowl, and others still had to be sent back to their residence halls and homes to watch
4. Adolphos Belk, Jr, John Holder, Nikita Jackson, Gary Simrill, and Rep. Brandon Guffey appeared in a panel on voter education and engagement for the 2024 election cultural event

vii. Sociology, etc

1. Student internship with FBI, 3 in 4 years

2. Dr. Rich Chacon hosted 5th biennial WESIPS conference in Spain
3. Dr. Brent Woodfill, co-editor for new series with Utah Press and presented a presentation at the Institute for Mayan Studies (online), and member of book prize committee for Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
4. Brad Tripp, under contract for chapter publication in *The International Handbook of Criminology and Affect* and as an editor/contributor to *Ethical and Pro-Social responses to Global Social Problems*
5. All three Criminologists will be presenting at a conference for American Society of Criminology in November

VIII. Announcements—Graduate Faculty Committee meets immediately after adjournment

- a. Next Cas Faculty meeting is due January 17th, materials due by January 9th
- b. Curriculum meeting meets a week before, materials really should be submitted in December
- c. CDC report: bad flu season expected, so please consider getting flu shot
- d. The food box served students while on campus during event, needs donations, particularly with shelf stable milk and chocolate preferred
- e. Frank- has a washer/dryer for sale for cheap, yes they work!
- f. Support the department of Social Work on the 5k run, November 2nd at 8am, costumes welcomed

IX. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn, seconded, and dismissed at 2:48 pm

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 49 faculty members for Faculty Assembly.

The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 28 faculty members.

Appendix A

CAS Faculty Assembly
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024
10:00 AM
Kinard Auditorium 018

- I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Jo Koster
 - a. Called to order at 10:02 am
 - b. Quorum met.
 - c. Chair is Jo Koster, Secretary is Heather Listhartke, and Parliamentarian is Anthony Hobert.
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2024, meeting ([Appendix A](#))
 - a. Minutes approved
- III. Celebration of College Faculty Award Recipients – Takita Sumter
 - a. Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award: Donna Nelson
 - b. Outstanding Instructor Award: Bryan Ghent
 - c. Lynn Harand Outstanding Advisor Award: Jennifer Disney
- IV. CAS Committees
 - a. CAS Curriculum Committee - Valerie Jepsen
 - i. Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2024, meeting ([Appendix B](#))
 1. Minutes approved
 - ii. Voting on degree program changes from April 16, 2024, meeting ([Appendix B](#))
 1. Course Inactivations all approved
 - a. Biology 203/203H, 204/204H, 207
 - b. Scie 300, 594/594L
 - c. ENGL 492, 597
 - d. WRIT 461/462
 - e. NUTR 231, 232, 423

2. Course Modifications all approved
 - a. Socl 320 reactivated
 - b. WRIT 431, 432, 433
 - c. Nutr 227, 380, 421, 471, 490a, 521, 221/223
 - i. Reflects curriculum changes
 - ii. Minimum grade changed from c to c-
 - iii. Clarified course descriptions
3. Program modifications approved
 - a. BS in nutrition, Health Promotion: replaces nutr 221 with nutr 223
 - b. BS in Nutrition, Dietetics: updated chem courses due to curriculum changes
4. Student Petitions shared
 - a. Two blanket petitions in biol to assign courses to biol curriculum
 - b. Two blanket petitions in engl, one to count WRIT 365X in the major and minor and one to count a summer cours in medieval studies minor
 - c. One student petition approved
- iii. Introduction of Officers
 1. Members: Jennifer Schafer, Sara English, Tom Polaski, Gwen Daley, Veronica Ahadzie, Heather Listhartke, and Jeffrey Sinn
- iv. Next Meeting
 1. August 27, 2024 in Kinard 105 at 11:00 AM. Have materials submitted by 8/20/2024.
- v. Future Meetings
 1. Meetings on the following Tuesdays in Kinard 105 at 11:00 am
 - a. August 25, October 8, December 3, January 7, February 25, April 15

- b. Please Remember that curriculum materials MUST be entered into CourseDog a **week prior** to the curriculum meeting to be considered.

- b. CAS Nominating and Rules Committee
 - i. Introduction of Officers
 - 1. No nominations for chair/representative for CAS Personnel representative Nominations- TBD
 - 2. Members: Fatima Amir, Gihanee Senadhira, one-year term
 - ii. Election for Graduate Faculty Committee Chair
 - 1. Received Self Nomination from: Dr. Wanda Koszewski
 - 2. Elected by assent
- V. New Faculty, Newly Promoted/Tenured Colleagues, Faculty in New Roles – Department Chairs
 - a. New Faculty
 - i. Dr. Evan Dewey, Assistant Professor in Biology
 - ii. Dr. Carter Wolff, Assistant Professor in Biology
 - iii. Dr. Dominique Itanze, Assistant Professor in Chemistry
 - iv. Anita McCulloch Director of Eagle STEM Scholars Program
 - v. Amy Bagwell, Instructor in English
 - vi. Karina Evans, Instructor in Human Nutrition
 - vii. Dr. Samsora Soto, Assistant Professor in Psychology
 - viii. Mary McKemy, Instructor in Psychology
 - ix. Deborah Donahue, Instructor in Social Work
 - x. Dr. Ida Oesteraas, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology, specialized in cybercrime
 - b. Faculty Moves and Promotions
 - i. Fatima Z. Amir, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and the Environment- Promoted to Professor
 - ii. Zach J. Abernathy, Mathematics- Promoted to Professor

- iii. Monique Constance-Higgins, Social Work- Promoted to Professor
- iv. Christian Gratton, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and the Environment - Promoted to Professor
- v. Sara J. English, Social Work- Promoted to Associate Professor
- vi. Nathaniel Frederick II, Mass Comm- Promoted to Professor
- vii. Daniel B. Stovall, Biology- Promoted to Associate Professor
- viii. Salvatore Blair, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and the Environment - Tenured
- ix. Brent Woodfill, Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology- Tenured
- x. Hope Lima- Tenured, Promoted to Associate Professor, and Chair of Human Nutrition
- xi. Kiyoshi Sasaki, Biology- Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor
- xii. Jennifer Dixon- McKnight, History- Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor
- xiii. Nick Grossoeme- Inaugural Dean of Honors College

c. New Staff

- i. Emily Sparrow, Administrative Specialist, English
- ii. Debbi Pickens, Program Assistant, Human Nutrition

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business

VII. New Business

- a. No new business

VIII. Remarks from the Dean – Takita Sumter

- a. AI-- Takita emphasized that professors should be clear in their expectations and policies for handling generative ai in the course, which should be within the course syllabi. There are resources with the dean of students and the Center for Teaching Excellence for those interested.
- b. Enrollment/Budget Updates
 - i. Faculty are receiving the 900 for travel,

- ii. The budget is okay and they've been doing strategic moves to ensure funding is consistent.
- iii. There was a cut with graduate assistant funding, but they used college funding to uphold promises of assistantships for all existing positions.

c. Facilities

- i. Sims/Dalton Renovations- Design Continues
- ii. Kinard 1st floor hallway, Kinard 101/201/ 312 updated
- iii. Several classrooms refurnished Sims, Bancroft, Johnson
- iv. Writing Center- newly furnished, painted, etc
- v. Owens- Extended Reality Room Furnished; open for Fall Faculty Pilots

d. Kudos

- i. Jennie Shafer for the QEP award
- ii. NSF grant machine learning Kristin and Zach Abernathy, Robin Lamming and others across campus- starting their second year
- iii. 5 NSF/NIH grants in Chemistry and 1-2 in Biology
- iv. 2 million for Scholarships for students in STEM from NSF starts next year
- v. STEM camps this summer with Math
- vi. English
 - 1. Technical writing micro-certificate started and 10k scholarships received from SRNL
 - 2. Amanda Covington, Instructor Award
 - 3. Amanda Hiner, Life Student Award
 - 4. Dustin Hoffman, Scholarship Award
 - 5. Matt Fike published
 - 6. Jo Koster Eng Dept Service Award
 - 7. Kelly Richardson, Bryant Professorship
- vii. Jesse Hoffman, president for SC association for nutrition and dietetics and now outgoing president
- viii. Nutrition book published by Hope Lima

- ix. Math offered a Pi Run funded by the Duke endowment, also hosted a mock AP endeavor for Statistics, several were able to go
- x. Shulty and Frederick won award, and hosted French students through several internships, and IMC documentary for biology, and new name for close-up Hill News
- xi. Model UN 350 high school students and 100 Winthrop students hosted and sevral grabbed awards at Model UN
- xii. Scott Hoffman active with poll results and working with political atmosphere
- xiii. 50th anniversary of the social work program, celebrated with a number of
- xiv. Kori Bloomquist received a number of awards as did a couple of students
- xv. Social work now has 2 Thompson Scholars
- xvi. Sociology offering new degree program in criminal justice with a specialty in cybercrime
- xvii. Brett Woodfill receiving the Mary Span Award and hosted an event that was well attended in the Spring
- xviii. Veronica participated in a day of understanding
- xix. Richard Cohon Costa Rica travel
- xx. World languages is hosting 107 dual enrollment students and hosted a language competition and also participated in helping with the international BMX that was hosted
- xxi. McNair program swept many of the awards in the Atlanta SAEOPP conference; Cheryl Fortner also supported the TRIO students and published
- xxii. Adolphos Belk was recognized with a teaching award from the National Black Outstanding Teacher Award, nominated by students
- xxiii. Adria Belk was staff of the year

IX. Announcements

- a. No announcements

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Appendix B

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee Minutes October 8, 2024 @ 11:00 am virtual meeting, via zoom

Attendees: Veronica Ahadzie, Gwen Daley, Sara English, Heather Listhartke, Greg Oakes (representing the Dean's Office), Tom Polaski, Jenny Schafer, Jeffrey Sinn. Robin Lammi (guest), representing the Department of Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and the Environment

1. WELCOME

- Jennifer Schafer opened virtual meeting, at 11:00 a.m.
 - Discussion of recommendations for student representative to committee. J. Schafer and H. Listhartke will reach out to potential students.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Corrections needed for listings, notations on changes to be made by Department of Nutrition, and deletion of Social Work listing.
- Approval of minutes, with changes, without dissent.

3. NEW PROGRAMS/CHANGES TO EXISTING PROGRAMS

Applied Physics Minor

- modified, with committee listing courses in numerical order

Humanities Minor

- add READ 290, approved, with committee listing courses in alphabetical order

Microcertificate – GIS, approved

4. MODIFIED COURSES

Department of Biology

- BIOL 524
 - name change, approved

Department of Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and the Environment

- GEOL 305
- GEOL 308
- GEOL 320
- GEOG 471
- GEOG 495
 - all proposals approved.

Department of World Languages and Cultures

- MLAN 591
 - correcting co/prerequisites, approved
- MLAN 591M

- correcting co/prerequisites, approved
- MLAN 591S
 - correcting co/prerequisites, approved
- MLAN 592
 - inactivation of course, approved

Educational Studies

- SCIE 391
- SCIE 591
 - both courses approved

5. NEW COURSES

Department of Biology

- BIOL 421
 - approved

Department of Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and the Environment

- GEOG 330
 - approved
- GEOG 355
 - approved
- GEOG 472
 - In support of GIS micro-certificate (2 hours), approved
- GEOG 473
 - In support of GIS micro-certificate (3 hours), approved
- GEOG 496
 - Created to support internship (2 hours) for GIS micro-certificate, approved
- GEOG 497
 - Created to support internship (3 hours) for GIS micro-certificate, approved
- GEOG 499
 - Created to support GIS portfolio for micro-certificate program, approved
- GEOL 355
 - approved
- PHYS 305
 - approved, with committee making small change to name

6. BLANKET PETITIONS

- PLSC, two petitions
 - both petitions were approved

7. STUDENT PETITIONS

- No student petitions were made to this committee

NEXT MEETING: December 3, 2024 at 11:00 am, Kinard 105