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**UCC Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 20, 2020**  
**2:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Academic Learning Commons, Room 4100**

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## Minutes

**Present:** Sheila Blair, Erin Burke Brown, Jamie Cooper, Kimberly Davis, Yonella Demars, Chintal Desai, Debra Duke, Elizabeth Edmonson, Aimee Ellington, Daryl Fraser, Nicholas Garcia, Moe Debbagh Green, Jodie Ferguson, Jenica Harrison, Rebecca Heise, Peter Henry, Joan Johnson, Patrick Lowery, Edna Renee Macbeth, Maureen Mathews, Cynthia Myron, Faye Prichard, Stephanie Thulin, Tamara Zurakowski, Karen Cary, Teri Dunnivant, Barbara Judy, Scott Oates

**Absent:** Zach Hilpert, Alex Wagaman

### I Call to Order

### II Old Business

- **UCC Guidelines (APPROVED)**

Faye Prichard, Chair of the subcommittee presented revisions based on feedback from the January UCC meeting. Since the Guidelines will be revisited every three years, the committee felt that there wasn't a need for a sentence that acknowledges the unique role of advisors.

### III New Business

- **College of Engineering**

**Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering**

**Reviewers: Primary, Sheila Blair, Secondary, Cynthia Myron**

**New Course**

**[EGMN 418: HVAC: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning \(APPROVED\)](#)**

- **College of Engineering**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Joan Johnson, Secondary, Stephanie Thulin**  
 Minor Change  
[CSC: Computer science, minor in \(APPROVED\)](#)
- **College of Engineering**  
**Department of Chemical and Life Science Engineering**  
**Reviewers: Primary, Chintal Desai, Secondary, Aimee Ellington**  
 Course Change  
[CLSE 201: Chemical Engineering Fundamentals I: Material Balances \(APPROVED\)](#)

#### IV Discussion Item

- **General Education**  
 Les Harrison, co-chair, of the General Education Curriculum Committee presented a high-level overview of the new general education structure and course criteria which will be implemented fall 2021. Emphasis was placed on portability and that general education courses could not be required courses for the major. Moving introductory required major courses to prerequisites for other major courses, which would then allow those introductory courses to serve as general education courses, was suggested as an option.

The process of implementing the new general education has been divided into two parts, the framework and the courses that will be approved. Initial courses have been identified within the framework with additional courses to follow. All courses — whether they are existing Tier II general education courses or created as new — will need UCC approval before they are added as general education courses.

The timeline will consist of approval of the framework by academic unit curriculum committees and UCC spring 2020 with courses presented fall 2020. Courses will be vetted by GECC then entered into CIM by the unit. GECC is a standing committee which will provide oversight and continuously curate the general education courses.

Foundations courses have differing qualifying criteria than the Areas of Inquiry which are limited to no more than four courses per subject area/rubric. Students can select up to two courses per subject/rubric to apply to their general education requirements.

Concerns raised by the committee included impact on readmitted students, changes in effective bulletin, prerequisites impact on financial aid Course Program of Study (CPOS) transfer equivalencies, a petition process for exceptions, monitoring that course criteria continue to be met, the timeline for course and curriculum revisions to reach UCC in fall, and a communication plan to academic units and advisors.

The GECC welcomes inquires and encouraged the committee to reach out should they have additional questions or concerns.

The UCC has an open seat for representation on the GECC and Jamie asked that anyone interested in serving in this role contact him.