

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
The Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

Minutes
240 SH
March 21, 2024

Attending: Jill Beckman, Asha Bhandary, Jean-François Charles, Rodica Curtu, Anita Jung, Cornelia Lang (chair), Liz Lundberg (staff), Emilie Maurel-Destruel, Cinda Coggins Mosher, Amira Qidwai, Christine Shea, Amy Strathman,

Absent: none

1. First the committee continued the discussion from the last meeting (March 7) about a potential collaboration of the Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES) and Geographical and Sustainability Sciences (GSS) programs in creating a new School within CLAS. Guests Brad Cramer (Associate Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences), Emily Finzel (Associate Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences), and Silvia Secchi (Professor, Geographical and Sustainability Sciences) joined the committee to answer questions and follow up on the presentation they gave at the March 7 meeting.

The committee went over in some detail the proposed new majors, minors, and certificates, including their learning outcomes and requirements. Discussion topics included the rationale for using tracks as opposed to distinct majors, the nuances of BA vs. BS degrees, the roles of certificates, and the proposed names for the new programs. The committee also discussed the size of the proposed new school, in terms of number of majors (and non-major students served by EES and GSS courses) as well as number and specialties of faculty.

2. UEPCC conducted an advisory vote on the proposed new School and programs of study; they support the changes unanimously. The committee felt that EES and GSS and their representatives working on this project have been thorough, collaborative, strategic, and forward-thinking in everything they have proposed, and UEPCC was excited about the future of earth, environmental, and sustainability sciences at the University of Iowa.
3. Next, the committee approved for CLAS Core GE status one course recommended by the General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC): TRNS:2578 *Translation in the Humanities* (WLCE, effective Fall 2024). This course will function as a gateway course for the translation major and minor as well as a WLCE option. UEPCC especially commended this course's engagement with intercultural competency, diverse array of topics, and meticulous organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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