## Minutes from Curriculum and Teaching Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 11:00 am Via Zoom

**Those present:** James Babanikos (chair), Myiah Hutchens, Angela Bradbery, Roxane

Coche, Ted Spiker, Harrison Hove, Mike Foley, Andy Selepak, Iman

Zawahry, Judy Hunter

## **Announcements**

- The return of Associate Provost Dr. Angela Linder. Interim Provost Joe Glover has recalled Dr. Angela Linder back to being Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs after she resigned from the position on January 1 of this year.

- **Syllabi required for new course requests at UCC.** All new course submissions to the UCC will require a syllabus from now on.
- **Diversity no longer a state Gen Ed requirement.** Diversity is no longer a General Education state requirement for students starting their UF experience in Fall 2024. But that requirement still needs to be met by students who started ay UF prior to this fall. It's important to remember that the student is responsible to follow the curriculum of the catalog that they came in with.
- **Gen Ed update.** Many of the General Education classes will no longer be offered because of the stricter state IDE mandate. So, there are fewer courses for students to choose from, but we were assured in the ACUA meeting that there will enough seats to go around.
- Re-enrollment process after dismissal for tuition non-payment. There was much discussion in the ACUA meeting about how to reinstate students who were dismissed as a result of non-payment. Now, students are reinstated choose with their advisor what courses they want to take once they've been reinstated Nigel Richardson argued that it may be best to keep the advisors out of it, and just have the students reregister for the courses they were taking before they were dismissed. More to follow.
- **New faculty members and their course syllabi.** Many of the new faculty at the CJC retreat said that they would appreciate if the chairs would go over their syllabi the first semester they're here, so that they can be sure the syllabi meet all college and university criteria. The chairs agreed.

## **Discussion Items**

- Proposed new 1-credit course that students would take in their graduating semester. Another issue that came up at the retreat was the possible creation of a new, 1-credit

course that students would take in their final semester that would help them find a job, hone interviewing skills, create an effective resumé and LinkedIn page, teach them how to freelance, and, especially, and this can be the class where they can take the Senior assessment as part of the class requirement and hence take it more seriously. The general consensus was that that managing such a class with hundreds of students would be difficult, and, in any case, such a class wasn't necessary as these issues were addressed in existing classes. In fact, a couple of departments offered similar electives – PR had a class called "Launching Your Career", and JOU had "Branding" and "Entrepreneurship." The one advantage of having such a class was to make sure that students take the Senior Assessment seriously as it would count for towards a class grade, but then there was some talk about revamping the direct measures of assessment and perhaps substituting the Senior Assessment with a different method. Angela Bradbery brought up the point of perhaps having a "Career Prep Day" to prepare students for the industry in their graduating semester, and that idea was well-received.

The meeting ended at 11:25 am. Minutes submitted by James Babanikos.