

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
February 4, 2025 - 4:00 pm

Sp'25	Jan 21	Feb 4								
Alford, G	x	X								
Bilgili, H	x	X								
Birkhead, N	x	X								
Berney, E	x	JK								
Gott, T	x	X								
Kohl, D	x	X								
Kouba, J	X	X								
Lyon, S	X	X								
McCoy, M	X	X								
Moody, L or Gott, t	X - Gott	X-Gott								
O'Malley, J	x	A								
Prakash, S	A - JK	X								
Renberg, S	x	X								
Smith, A	x	X								
Warren, S	x	X								
Wefald, A	x	X								

- 1) Joann Kouba called the meeting to order at 4pm.
- 2) Minutes from January 21, 2025, meeting were approved.
- 3) **EXPEDITED PROPOSALS:** <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2609/form>

It was moved and seconded to approve the Expedited courses listed below. Discussion followed. There were some questions concerning the impact statements on ANTH 525 and 528. It was moved, seconded and approved to table those courses. Birkhead said he would reach out and get further information. Motion passed. After further discussion, the motion passed to approve the remaining expedited courses.

College of Arts & Sciences

- ANTH - 508 - Asian Religions
- ANTH - 510 - New Religions
- ANTH - 515 - Creativity and Culture: The Anthropology of Art
- ANTH - 516 - Ethnomusicology

ANTH - 518 - Topics in Cultural Anthropology
ANTH - 525 - Language and Culture
ANTH - 528 - Topics in Linguistic Anthropology
ANTH - 552 - Topics in Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies
DAS - 498 - Social Sciences Capstone

College of Health & Human Sciences

HHS - 101 - Introduction to Well-being
HHS - 201 - Community Well-being
HHS - 202 - Social Well-being
HHS - 203 - Financial Well-being
HHS - 204 - Physical Well-being
HHS - 301 - Career Well-being

4) **COURSE PROPOSALS** <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2613/form>

It was moved and seconded to approve the course proposals listed below. Discussion followed concerning HIST 410 and the idea that the term “workshop” might be confusing in light of microcredentials that would use that term moving forward. Dr. Maner from the College of Arts & Sciences joined the meeting and talked about why keeping the term “workshop” in the HIST 410 course title was important to his department. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to conditionally approve HIST 410 with a request to change the title to History of K-State Workshop. Motion carried. Senator Bilgili wanted to go on record that the term workshop will cause confusion in the future. Discussion followed that defining various terms for courses would be helpful and could be a subject for the ARN committee to address.

Discussion ensued concerning EDCI 512. It was tabled a while ago and emails had been sent asking for clarification on the rationale. It was unclear if it was supposed to appeal to college students or being offered as dual credit for high school students. There were also some questions about it being offered as dual credit, but it is a 500 level course, which is not allowed. There had been no response from the proposal authors. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to table EDCI 512 in order to get our questions answered and ask that the Curriculog form be filled out correctly. Motion carried.

College of Arts & Sciences

HIST - 410 - K-State History Workshop

College of Education

EDCI – 512 – Bilingual and Bicultural Perspectives across Global Contexts

5) **STANDARD CURRICULUM PROPOSALS** <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2610/form>

It was moved and seconded to approve the course listed below. No discussion. Motion carried.

College of Arts & Sciences

English – Literature (BA) - **CHANGE**

6) **MICROCREDENTIALS** - <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2594/form>

(Only for-credit courses require FSAAC vote)

Kouba mentioned that none of these microcredentials required committee approval but are here for information. For the top two microcredentials, we are waiting on several departments to give their approval to say that they have reviewed them as to the impact on their department. We don't anticipate any problems. Once we receive that approval these will move forward.

For the remaining five English and writing microcredentials, we received an email that they are pulling these courses and will offer them in non-credit form. Bilgili mentioned this was a good example of communicating and collaboration between departments.

NON-CREDIT:

Prompt Engineering in Generative AI for Data Science (Microcredential)

Understanding Neural Networks (Microcredential)

Advanced Technical Writing

Standard Technical English

Technical Editing Essentials

Technical Writing

Writing for Oral Communication

- 7) New Business
 - a) Final Exam Policy for Inclement Weather (**Attachment 1**)

Past Senate President, Don Von Bergen, joined the meeting to talk about this policy proposal. He is trying to be proactive since there is no guidance in the PPM except that if there is inclement weather during Finals week, classes will be canceled. This policy would give faculty some options in advance and support academic freedom. He had talked with Vice Provost Mohr-Schroeder who had offered some guidance. It was suggested that whatever is decided that the PPM and Handbook be linked so they both communicate the same thing. Kouba asked Don to have a conversation with the Registrar's office to make sure all the impacted people are in the loop.

b) Transfer Hour Policy (**Attachment 2**) – Karen Goos briefly commented that the average transfer student is bringing 85 credit hours, but less than half of those are actually transferred to the degree. All the information points to a net gain for K-State. K-state is one of two universities in Kansas who have not adopted this policy.

c) Proposed Class Time changes (**Attachment 3**) -Bilgili said he is bringing this proposal forward to remove 45-minute break in the standard block schedule. The goal is to get feedback from the committee. He will then take this proposal to CAPP for further discussion. Kouba asked that he bring this up again when there is more time for discussion.

- 8) Committee Reports/Updates
 - a) CAPP – no update
 - b) Library – no update
- 9) Announcements and/or for the good of the university

a) In-person meetings: March 4 and May 6, Union Room 226

10) The meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Next meeting: February 18, 2024, Zoom only