

Minutes from Curriculum and Teaching Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 3:00 pm
Via Zoom

Those present: James Babanikos (chair), Won-Ki Moon, Myiah Hutchens, Angela Bradbery, Roxane Coche, Tim Sorel, Ted Spiker, Harrison Hove, Kasey Windels, Judy Hunter

Announcements/Updates

- **Nadene Reynolds visit.** Nadene Reynolds, director of UF's CARE (Campus Assistance and resources for Empowerment), will join the PATH Office weekly meeting on Thursday, January 18, at 11:00 am, talk about how to deal with students in distress, medical petitions, and so on. The committee members were asked to email James Babanikos if they want to attend Zoom meeting and Babanikos would provide them with a Zoom link.
- **VIC3001 videos updates.** The academic advisors were told by students that the VIC3001 videos are out of date and need to be updated. PR department chair Myiah Hutchens said that they're already on top of it!
- **B.S. in Meteorology.** Starting fall 2024, UF is offering a B.S. in Meteorology. This is new and could be of interest to some of our JOU students. They can obviously double-major if they want to be weathercasters. Up to now, the Dept. of Geography offered a Certificate in Meteorology. JOU department chair Ted Spiker mentioned that there's already a Broadcast Meteorology sequence offered through the Department of Geography.

Discussion Items

- **The various annual faculty/advisor awards.** There was only one applicant for the Faculty Mentor of the Year (Houston Wells), the Professional Advisor of the Year (Chanelle Cox), and the Adjunct Instructor of the Year (Melanie Friedl Ross) awards, and they were all approved by the committee. There were three applications for the Teacher of the year award – Rachel Grant, Santiago Kember, and Iman Zawahry – and many committee members made a case for each of the applicants. The committee members were asked to rank the three applicants, and email the rankings to Babanikos by 5:00 pm the next day.
- **Potential MOOC courses.** Dean Hub Brown mentioned that the President is interested in UF offering 10-20 courses across the campus that people could take for free, or for credit if they wanted to pay. These massive, open, online courses would be subjects that would be potentially popular with the public. The dean wanted to know if the chairs

have any ideas on what these classes may be and who would teach them. A discussion ensued, and a course on Media Literacy was mentioned as a possibility. The chairs were asked to email Babanikos with their ideas.

- **Spring 2024 Senior Assessment.** Babanikos announced that he created Canvas shells for the Spring 2024 Senior Assessment, and the chairs (and Harrison Hove) were added as teachers for the assessments in their specific departments. The chairs were instructed that they can go to the Canvas course pages and make any changes you think necessary... as long as they tell Babanikos what those changes are. The tentative dates for the students to complete the senior assessments are Monday, March 25, 2024 – Monday, April 8, 2024.
- **ACEJMC self-study.** Babanikos asked each chair to provide a list of the program/curriculum changes in their department since the last accreditation visit, and to include a couple of sentences on the rationale behind these changes. Babanikos also asked the chairs to provide them with the CORE AND REQUIRED COURSES AND SLOS tables that are required for one of the ACEJMC self-study sections.

The meeting ended at 3:40 pm. Minutes submitted by James Babanikos.