



# College of Arts & Letters

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

### College Undergraduate Committee – November 10, 2020

11/10/2020 – 3:30-4:30 via Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97654606467> pwd: 702417

Attendance: Chris Corneal, Bump Halbritter, Jon Keune, Nicola Imbrascio, Noushin Mahmood, Karen Moroski-Rigney, Tamura Lomax, David Godden, Stacia Moroski-Rigney, Angela Wendelberger, Kate Rendi, Brian Buccola, Miguel Cabanas, Bethany Judge, David Stowe, Cara Cilano and Leann Dalimonte.

Guests: Rajiv Ranjan, Sean Pue

Meeting started at 3:30pm

1. Approval of the Agenda – Jon motioned, Bump seconded, agenda approved.
2. Approval of 10/13/2020 Meeting Minutes – Jon motioned, Miguel seconded, minutes approved.
3. ISA Prefix – Sean Pue & Rajiv Ranjan
  - a. Cara reminded committee that CUC is the sounding board for new student code proposals, student centered changes, and some initial curricular discussions.
  - b. The absence of a course code is a source of confusion for students. The minor requires 2.5 years of “South Asian” language training and additional units to reach 17 credits that can be taken from a choice of classes with Indian and South Asian content. The program, established in 2015, has been regularly offering Indian and South Asian languages courses under the generic “LL” (Linguistics and Languages), which is confusing. We have also been offering Indian and South Asian content courses under the more generic “ASN” (Asian Language) course code. The ISA course code will make the language and content classes that fulfill the program requirements clear to students and also make their existence more discoverable to past, current, and future students.
4. CAL SIRS for Online Teaching
  - a. Updated recommended supplemental questions
  - b. Provost comment on aggregate data on standard student evaluations starting in the spring
    - i. Supplemental questions added in first semester of remote teaching was included in the university aggregate data

- c. Committee approved unanimously on the addition of the supplemental SIRS questions.

5. Program Dashboard Discussion

- a. Cara gave a background on the Budget Reduction Task Force (BRTF) and the recommendation of a [data] dashboard came from the Curriculum Integrity and Programmatic Shifts Subcommittee. The dashboard would serve as a resource to units as an information infrastructure.

- i Responsibility Centered [Budget] Model (RCM) shift possibility at the University level

- b. Description: The budget reduction task force is pursuing the construction of a program data dashboard. This effort will build a multi-faceted information infrastructure that promotes data access and subsequent data-informed decision making.

- c. Key Drivers: immediate budget reduction pressure; strategic planning; anticipation for shift in university budget model

- d. Characteristics: germane to undergrad experience:

- i Student Experience:

- centers multiple ways of knowing
      - helps develop transferable skills
      - connects to student success
      - prompts active engagement from students
      - holds appeal for students
      - includes high impact practices
      - integrates research to advance student learning

- ii Internal Metrics:

- enrollment in classes
      - major/minor completion rates
      - established habits of assessment
      - demand is sufficient to justify program's/courses' existence
      - student demand for program, for electives
      - numbers of majors/minors
      - enrollment/grad trend numbers per major/minor

- e. Points of Discussion: addition/revision/refinement of characteristics; consideration of terms, including for dashboard itself.

- i Committee Perspectives:

- 1 Discussion on how a dashboard relates to RCM and current budget cuts
  - a Students as customers
- 2 What is it like to be a student taking courses in a program during our current climate? How is burnout affecting the student experience?
  - a How this relates to assessment of programs
  - b Accessibility
  - c Engagement
- 3 Discussion on our current environment and facilities on campus that affect student demand and offerings

6. Other Business

- a. Thanked Nicola for her work as CUC Chair and well wishes for her future outside of MSU

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm