

Lehman College  
The City University of New York  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 16, 2016, 1 p.m., SC 1405A  
Senate Undergraduate Committee on Curriculum

Present: Amna Azeem; Stefan Becker, Patricia Calderon; Danna Ethan, Robert Feinerman; Yuri Gorokhovich, David Hyman, Vincent Prohaska (chair); Lynn Rosenberg;

A quorum was present (9 of 10 members present).  
All votes taken were unanimous.

1. Approved minutes of the 10/19/16 meeting.
2. Chemistry
  - Change course CHE 342 was approved
  - Change course CHE 344 was approved
  - Change course CHE 442 was approved
  - Change course CHE 443 was approved
3. Health Sciences
  - Change degree requirements DFN BS was approved
4. Speech, Language Hearing Sciences
  - Change degree requirements SPA BA was approved as amended
5. Sociology
  - Change course SOC 300 no action taken
  - Change course SOC 301 no action taken
  - Change course SOC 302 no action taken
  - Change course SOC 303 no action taken
  - Change course SOC 345 no action taken
  - Change degree requirements BA no action taken

Discussion of these proposals raised a number of concerns, some administrative, some curricular. On the administrative side, 4/4 courses: can pose scheduling difficulties for both the college and for students as the bell schedule is based on 3/3 courses; might cause students to take more than 120 credits as the major + general education does not yield a result divisible by 3; might cause students to take heavier semester loads; may have budget implications (the committee was made aware that a financial analysis by the department was submitted to the Dean); might provide an attractive model that other departments would seek to follow. On the curricula side, the committee's concerns were that the rationales for raising these particular courses, especially in terms of additional material covered, were weak and that transfer students might be disadvantaged/forced to take additional courses because sociology courses are predominantly 3 credits. The committee asked Stefan to check on the administrative issues, specifically, is there administrative support for moving this many courses to 4/4 in one major, and would additional department requests be supported. The committee will wait for the administrative response before asking the department to revise the rationales.

6. Next meeting: December 7, 2016, 1 p.m., MU 313