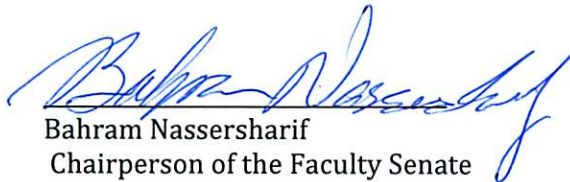


Serial Number #19-20-11E

TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Bahram Nassersharif, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, the Curricular and Standards Committee Report #2019-20-4: Minors in English and Creative Writing, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on November 21, 2019.
3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective December 12, 2019 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.


Bahram Nassersharif
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate


November 22, 2019

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- a. Approved ☒.
- b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education ____.
- c. Disapproved ____.


Signature of the President

12-3-19
(date)

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE November 21, 2019

Faculty Senate Curriculum and Standards Committee Report 2019-2020-4

At the November 7, 2019 (originally scheduled for October 24, 2019) meeting of the Curriculum and Standards Committee and by electronic communication, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION II Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

NEW PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Department of English

(See Appendix H)

The Department of English currently offers a Minor in English (20 credits). Aside from a requirement concerning the level of courses that may be used to build a minor (see Catalog language, below), there are no specifications about the type or subjects of courses that contribute to a minor. It is possible and common for students to achieve a Minor in English mostly or entirely built on creative writing courses (currently, ENG 105, ENG 205A, B, C, D, ENG 305A, B, C, D, and ENG 405).

The Minor in English. In addition to fulfilling all the basic requirements for a minor (see Minor Fields of Study), students minoring in English are required to take 20 total English credits, which can be accomplished by taking five 4-credit classes, four of which must be at the 200 level or above.

The Minor in Creative Writing. In addition to fulfilling all the basic requirements for a minor (see Minor Fields of Study), students minoring in Creative Writing are required to take 20 total English credits, including ENG 105, ENG 205 (A, B, C, or D), ENG 305 (A, B, C, or D), and 8 credits of ENG courses from the 200 level or above.

Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: Minor in English, Minor in Creative Writing

Date: 8/28/19

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: English

College: Arts and Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: September 2020

First degree date: May 2021

4. Intended location of the program: URI Kingston Campus

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

N.B. A distinct proposal, submitted concurrently with this proposal, alters the English major in several ways, including the deletion of the Creative Writing Option in the English major. However, passage of this proposal concerning the Minor in Creative Writing does not require the successful approval of the proposal concerning the English major.

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on creative writing courses (currently, ENG 105, ENG 205A, B, C, D, ENG 305A, B, C, D, and ENG 405).

For several years, the Department of English has been aware that undergraduate students interested in creative writing are sometimes unaware that creative writing resides in the Department of English (rather than other departments, programs, or units), and that some of these students are reluctant to pursue a Minor in English because they think (incorrectly) that such a minor will require courses unrelated to creative writing. Sometimes, when these students realize their error, it is too late for them to pursue the courses necessary to acquire a Minor in English devoted to creative writing.

For these reasons, English proposes to change its current minor to create two parallel minors, once branded as “Minor in English,” with the same requirements as before, and another branded as “Minor in Creative Writing,” with more specific requirements as described in the proposed Catalog language, below.

No new courses are to be created to implement this change. No new discipline codes are required to implement this change. Once approved, the two minors will have different e-Campus codes, to be assigned by Enrollment Services as it thinks appropriate. No new financial resources are required to implement this change.

Students will pursue and declare their minors according to current procedures, with the petition form currently in use in the College of Arts and Sciences. Once a student has completed the necessary courses for either minor, or is in progress with the final courses necessary, one of the English Department Academic Advisors or the Chair of English will review the petition form and sign it. The form will then be delivered to the College of Arts and Sciences for review as part of the student’s degree audit, according to current practice. Academic advising of students interested in the Minor in English and the Minor in Creative Writing will be provided by the English Department Academic Advisors and the Chair of English. Students pursuing the Minor in Creative Writing will receive informal academic advising from the faculty and instructors of ENG creative writing courses.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.

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7. Signature of the President

David M. Dooley