

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Colby Kervick and Stephen Everse, Co-Chairs

Date: 5/4/2023

Re: Report out on Items voted on by the Curricular Affairs Committee that do not require Faculty Senate vote

On May 4, 2023, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions that do not require a vote by the Faculty Senate.

The Curricular affairs committee approved the following:

- I. Approval of Substantial Revisions to the Wildlife Fisheries Biology B.S. to remove the Fisheries and Wildlife concentrations to enable students to tailor the major to their interests and better navigate course requirements. The revisions enable students to custom select aquatic based courses that may otherwise be difficult to fit within the current wildlife concentration. The revisions keep the core curriculum, add two “ology” courses (one from a subset of courses that represent plant-or system-based “ologies” and the other from a subset of taxonomic “ologies”), and then 12 elective credits from an a la carte menu of courses current offered in both concentrations. Of note, students will now also receive assistance in planning their pathway through the degree by completing modules in Methods of Fisheries and Wildlife in the fall of their sophomore year that will introduce them to the multiple disciplines within the WFB career.
- II. Approval of Substantial Revisions to the Masters in Public Health. The program added an optional concentration in Global Health Leadership that will be reflected in the 24-25 catalog. The concentration will enable students to include 9 credits focused on Global Health coursework including two required courses (Global Public Health and PH Global Health Leadership) and 1 elective (Climate Change and Human Health or Climate Change Emergencies).
- III. Approval of Substantial Revisions to the Mathematical Sciences B.S. to strengthen the major by restructuring to align with Catamount Core and providing more flexibility to support students in completing the degree in 4 years. Changes include replacing the credits in Allied Fields (AF) and HSS with a new lab science requirement and University approved minor, adding a capstone experience and implementing Catamount Core. There were also minor adjustments to the stats major including moving two electives to requirements. These changes are anticipated to make it easier for students to complete all major requirements in alignment with the new catamount core and have room for electives, double major or minor and participate in other University Programs.
- IV. The CAC also reviewed it’s operating procedures and voted unanimously to approve edits that

included updating changes to the APR 2 year review process, adding more language around the chair's responsibilities and changing the public comment circulation period for curricular actions from 30 days to 15 days to support units in working through the stages of curricular proposal in a more responsive timeframe.