Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2009, Noon – 1:30
250 Agricultural Hall

Present:  Stier (Chair), Bednarek, Bohnhoff, Culbertson, Gillian-Daniels, Gisler, Grummer Howell, Paustian, Pfatteicher, Kurtz, Martin, Scheufele

Absent:  Eidi

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of October Minutes – October minutes were unanimously approved.

New Course Proposals

XXX-001:  Cooperative Education/Co-op, 1 credit  Lead:  Bohnhoff
Discussion was held on the following points: differences between a 399 and 001, clarification of term “off campus,” extension course enrollment and fees, unique situations to be addressed in Undergraduate office as they arise. A motion was made by Bohnhoff and seconded by Paustian to approve XXX-001 Cooperative Education/Co-op.  The motion passed.

FOOD SCI 535:  Confectionery Science and Technology, 3 credits Lead:  Paustian
The committee discussed the rational for the new course. It was pointed out that the cover letter and proposal are in need of modifications. Paragraph 3 from the cover letter must be removed since course proposals are not to include student evaluations. The divisional committee must be indicated on the course proposal. Item 6 on the course proposal needs to be consistent with the hours reported on the syllabus. Item 9b on the proposal should specify Hartel is responsible for the content. A motion was made by Paustian and seconded by Grummer, to conditionally approve FOOD SCI 535 upon making the above listed modifications.  The motion passed with conditional approval.

Course Change Proposals

ENVR ST 651:  Conservation Biology, 3 credits Lead:  Culbertson
Changes requested: course description for catalog and prerequisites
A motion was made by Culbertson and seconded by Howell to conditionally approve ENVR ST 651 with the following recommended changes to the course proposal: item 9 must be added back into the proposal since it had been omitted, item 12 requires a cover letter of support from Gregg Mitman to be added to the proposal documentation, item 13a should be marked & item 13b should be filled in.  The motion passed with conditional approval.
C&E SOC 140: Lead: Scheufele
Introduction to Rural Sociology and Development, 3 credits
Changes requested: course title and description

C&E SOC 541: Lead: Scheufele
Social Behavior and Natural Resources, 3 credits
Changes requested: title, course description and prerequisites

The committee agreed to address these similar proposals together. For C&E SOC 140, the department will be contacted and asked to consider removing the word “emerging” from proposal item 5, the course description, and to mark questions 13a & 13b as “Not Applicable.” For C&E SOC 541, the committee recommended contacting the department to have them consider having item 13a and 13b marked as “Not Applicable.” A motion was made by Scheufele and seconded by Kurtz to approve C&E SOC 140 and 541 after following up with the department on the above mentioned items. The motion passed.

Change in name of Major: Agricultural Journalism to Life Science Communication
After information was shared and discussion was held, the committee agreed to unanimously support the name change of the major of Agricultural Journalism to Life Science Communication in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. John Stier will send a message of support to the APC on behalf of the CALS Curriculum Committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gillian-Daniels and seconded by Paustian. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

December Meetings:
Tuesday, December 1st, Room 250, Agricultural Hall at noon
Tuesday, December 15th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall at noon

Submitted by Karen Martin