Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Noon – 1:30 pm
250 Agricultural Hall

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

Absent: Grummer

Guests: David Drake, John Klatt

Approval of February Minutes – The February 16th minutes were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The APC approved the new B.S. proposal. The All College vote will take place on Tuesday, March 23rd.

COURSE PROPOSALS

New Course Proposals
F&W ECOL 404: Wildlife Damage Management, 3 credits
Discussion was held regarding the time indicated for the lecture period. The committee recommended the time be changed to 11:00–11:50 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the syllabus the suggestion was made to change “No class due to Fur School” to “Fur School,” since students will still be in a learning environment. A motion was made by Bohnhoff and seconded by Paustian to conditionally approve F&W ECOL 404 pending changes to the lecture period time on the course proposal item #5 and throughout the syllabus. The motion passed.

BIOLOGY 360: Engage Children in Science (Part 1), 3 credits
BIOLOGY 361: Engage Children in Science (Part 2), 3 credits
These courses were discussed together. The committee felt that these courses should not be open to freshmen. Students would benefit from changing the graded components to be worth 15 points each and changing the percentages for the course grade to become more traditional in value. The course’s time frame and content would be appropriate for a 2 credit course, not a 3 credit course. The instructors should speak with the Biocore Ambassadors, the School of Education, and Engineering for feedback on their proposals to see if similar experiences areas are being provided on campus. Molly Davis’ name is listed on the syllabus. A C.V. for her should be included with the proposal, or her name should be removed from the syllabus. The courses have the breadth to be reviewed by 3 divisional committees. It was recommended that as these proposals go forward, an interdisciplinary ad hoc divisional committee should review them. A motion was made by Paustian and seconded by Scheufele to send the proposal back to the proposal writers so they may address the above recommendations. The proposals should then be resubmitted to the Curriculum Committee for review. The motion passed.

NUTRI SCI 635: Advanced Clinical Nutrition, 1 credit
After review, the committee noted that Julie Thurlow’s C.V. needs to be added to the proposal. A motion was made by Kurtz and seconded by Scheufele to conditionally approve NUTRI SCI 635 upon addition of Julie Thurlow’s C.V. The motion passed.

INTER AG 499: Leadership Certificate Capstone, 1 credit
The updated course proposal was reviewed by the committee. The changes to the proposal were shared. A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Kurtz to approve INTER AG 499. The motion was tabled and to be reopened after review of the Leadership Certificate.
CALS Leadership Certificate – Pfatteicher/Klatt

The CALS Leadership Certificate was re-examined. The credits for the certificate were changed from 5 to 2. A motion was made by Howell to approve INTER AG 499 pending approval of the Leadership Certificate by the APC. Several committee members felt that they could not be in support of a 2 credit certificate. The committee decided to table the certificate.

COURSE CHANGE PROPOSALS

SOIL SCI 532: Environmental Biophysics, 3 credits
Request: change cross-list status to include Agronomy

The committee reviewed and discussed the proposal. A motion was made by Bednarek and seconded by Howell to approve the course change request for SOIL SCI 532. The motion passed.

The following proposals were voted on simultaneously.

L SC COM 620: Service Learning in the Life Sciences: Advanced Video Production
Requests: change course number to L SC COM 615
change course title to Advanced Video Production

L SC COM 340: Contemporary Communication Technologies and Their Social Effects
Requests: change course number to L SC COM 440
uncrosslist course with FAM COM 340

L SC COM 530: Print and Electronic Media Design
Requests: change course number to L SC COM 332
uncrosslist course with FAM COM 530

L SC COM 532: Web Design for the Sciences
Requests: uncrosslist with FAM COM 532
remove prerequisite courses L SC COM 350 or ETD 120

L SC COM 450: Visual Composition and Digital Editing
Requests: change course title to Documentary Photography for the Sciences
include Z designation for satisfies Breadth Requirement “Z”

L SC COM 660: Statistical Techniques in Communication Research
Request: change title to Data Analysis in Communications Research

The L SC COM course change proposals were studied by the committee. A motion was made by Bohnhoff and seconded by Bednarek to approve the course change proposals for L SC COM 620, 340, 530, 532, 450, and 660. It was proposed that all of the course number changes be reviewed to ensure that the new numbers (615, 440, and 332) have not been used within the last 10 years. It was also noted that L SC COM was in the process of obtaining a letter from the Designs Studies Department acknowledging the dropping of ETD 120 as a prerequisite for L SC COM 532. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scheufele and seconded by Pelegri. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

April Meetings:
Tuesday, April 6th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall at noon
Tuesday, March 20th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall at noon

Submitted by Karen Martin