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CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 12:00 p.m.
250 Agricultural Hall

Present: Pelegri, Fadl, Kloppenburg, Jackson, Barak, Mitchell, Van Eyck, Pfatteicher, Gisler, Statter

Absent: Bland

Pelegri calls meeting to order at 12:04

Minutes

Pelegri requests amendments to agenda. None. Minutes unanimously approved.

New Business

Agronomy 338

Barak acting as lead. Barak states proposal straightforward, no issues identified. Barak motions to approve. Seconded by Jackson

Fadl asks what is definition of "Intro. Biology" under prerequisites heading? Fadl would like description of courses that qualify. Pelegri echoes Fadl question.

Barak will request definition from department (Andrea, Sean)

Barak proposes list generated by Sean.--will then forward to Curriculum Committee and APC.

Jackson makes friendly amendment to motion: approve spirit of proposal, requests more clarification on prerequisites (Intro. Bio).

Barak approves friendly amendment.

Pelegri call to vote. Unanimous consent.

Entomology 500

Jackson acting as lead. Found subject line on-top of proposal (department codes) confusing.

Jackson stated course title will change: one co-instructor has withdrawn from teaching course, thus disease content will no longer be aspect in course.

Title will drop diseases; content will focus more on forest/wildlife science. Cross listings will change.

Credits will change from 4 to 2. Instructor will drop lab.

Jackson thought proposal looked good.

Jackson stated proposal did not include letters of support. Jackson was able to find letters of support from engaging departments (Plant Path., Forest/Wildlife Ecol.).

Jackson makes motion to approve. Second by Fadl.

Pelegri asks Jackson to clarify reduction of credits. Jackson states proposal does not explicitly give justification. Pelegri requests more information available on reduction of credits in proposal.

Fadl asks what would happen if faculty refuse to teach courses. Pfatteicher responds that Dean's Office would engage in conversation with faculty.

Call to question. Passed. Unanimous consent.

Genetics 731

Fadl states proposal is straightforward, essentially just changing cross listing. Whole program has moved from genetics to pediatrics.

Fadl does not see letters of support. Fadl was unable to identify faculty member who forwarded proposal.

Pfatteicher unsure if proposal should be going through UW School of Medicine & Public Health instead of this body.

Chair explains this particular course is only in UW School of Medicine & Public Health.

Chair decides to remove item from agenda to allow for further administrative attention. No objections.

[09/26 update: New Business item addressed and approved at 10/23/12 Curriculum Committee Meeting]

Agricultural Education program

Pfatteicher explains history of Ag. Education program. Enrollment decline, funding disappears and loss of program accreditation lead to decisions. Only one faculty member was supporting program. No new students allowed to enroll from that point.

Faculty member has since moved and is supportive of program closure. Pfatteicher overviews support letters. Pfatteicher provides status of students formerly enrolled in program. Current students interested in program will work with UP&S to identify alternate programs/majors to supplement.

Pfatteicher explains that this body does not vote on item, but can offer feedback for CALS APC to consider.

Chair asks when last time a student graduated from program. Gisler responds—4 years ago.

Kloppenburger asked who is now training Ag. Ed. Teachers? Pfatteicher responds—Platteville, UWRF. Pfatteicher added that currently no funding mechanism for program here at Madison.

Chair asked how students can re-enroll? Pfatteicher responds—right now, in general, students are moved to new curriculum to address their major desires.

Chair requests additional feedback. None given.

Body supports decision to close program but notes it is difficult to see academic program close.

Announcements

Jackson moves to adjourn. Barak second at 12:44pm. Adjourned.

Submitted: Statter