CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
November 3, 2006
Submitted by James Fant

Chair: Richard Miles, Members: Anita Wright, Lisa House, Karen Kainer, Lyn Branch, Shannon Washburn, Adegbola Adesogan, Kevin Folta, Elaine Turner (ex officio) and Sarah Cathey

Members Present: Richard Miles, Anita Wright, Lisa House, Karen Kainer, Shannon Washburn, Kevin Folta, Elaine Turner and Sarah Cathey

Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on November 3, 2006 in Animal Sciences Building 499 room 102. Dr. Richard Miles, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 29, 2006 CALS CC meeting were approved. There was a suggestion made to improve future submissions.

Old Business

1. FAS 4933 – Seminar in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences
This course proposal had been brought before the committee in September and was denied. An updated syllabus was provided to the committee for reconsideration. The proposal was approved and forwarded to the UFCC for university and state approval.

2. FAS 6XXX – Aquatic Invertebrate Ecological Physiology
This course proposal was also brought before the committee in September and denied. An updated syllabus was provided for reconsideration. The proposal was approved and forwarded to the Graduate CC for university and state approval.

3. ORH 4XXX & 4XXXL – Advanced Nursery Management and Lab
The committee reviewed this proposal and it was approved with some minor changes. The committee wanted clarification of extra credit and attendance points on both the class and lab syllabi. The contact hours on the UCC1 for the lab need to be corrected. These concerns were forwarded to the submitting party. When updated material is received, the proposal will be forwarded to the UFCC for university and state approval.

Graduate - Course Change Proposals
4. AGR 6233 – Tropical Grassland Agroecosystems
This proposal was approved with changes. The committee suggested strengthening the syllabus with measurable objectives. The grading scale needs to include an “E” grade with appropriate point value. All exams should be listed in the schedule for consistency. The committee also requested an explanation of the “Species Exam” be included. These suggestions and concerns were forwarded to the submitting party. When an updated syllabus is received it will be forwarded to the Graduate CC for university and state approval.

5. AGR 5230C – Florida Grassland Agroecosystems
This proposal was approved with some changes. The committee requested that a list of required reading be added to the syllabus and that the statement regarding grading curve be removed and should be discussed in class. The submitting party was made aware of these requests and will submit an updated syllabus. When received, the proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate CC for university and state approval.

Undergraduate – New Course Proposal

6. HUN 4813 – Laboratory Techniques in Molecular Nutrition
This proposal was approved with some minor changes. The committee suggested that the course objectives be clearer. The grading scale needs to include a “D+” with point value and the “F” grade changed to an “E”. The submitting party was informed and will be resubmitting an updated syllabus. When the updated material is received it will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

Undergraduate - Course Change Proposal

7. SUR 2322C – Visualization of Spatial Information
   Proposed course change to SUR 3322
This proposal was approved pending an adjustment to the grading scale. The grading scale needs to be more clear and plus grades with point values should be integrated with the rest of the scale. The submitting party has been notified of the request and will be submitting an updated syllabus. The proposal will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval when the updated material is received.
Proposed Curriculum Changes

8. Modification to Transfer Admission / Tracking Requirements for Geomatics major
The School of Forest Resources and Conservation submitted a proposal for modifications to the transfer admissions and tracking requirements for the Geomatics major. This proposal generated discussion of several issues including CALS course requirements, transfer admission requirements, purpose of tracking courses and tracking requirements. The committee approved in concept items 1-3 of the proposal and asked for clarification from the Associate Dean along with further discussion of the issues raised. The proposal will be held until it is complete.

9. Update the specializations offered by Food and Resource Economics
This change was approved and forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

10. Request to add the Wetlands Sciences Concentration to the Interdisciplinary Ecology Curriculum
This change was approved and forwarded to the Graduate School for university approval.

11. Requesting minor changes to the university-wide Minor in Leadership
These changes were approved and forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45