CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
December 1, 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, Lisa House, Karen Kainer, Lyn Branch, Ricky Telg (for Shannon Washburn), Elaine Turner

Also in attendance: George Blakeslee, Jerry Culen and Jennifer Gove

Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on December 1, 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 November 3, 2006 CALS CC meeting were approved.

Graduate – New Course Proposals

1. DIE 6945 – Dietetic Internship in Sports Nutrition
   This course proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee with no changes or revisions. The proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate Curriculum Committee for university and state approval.

2. DIE 6516 – Professional Development in Dietetics
   This course proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee with one revision. The grading scale must include percentage ranges with assigned grades. This correction was made and an updated syllabus was provided. This proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate Curriculum Committee for university and state approval.

Graduate - Course Change Proposals

3. DIE 6241 – Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy Part 1
   This course proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee, also with one revision. The grading scale must include percentage ranges with assigned grades. This correction was made and a new syllabus was provided. This proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate Curriculum Committee for university and state approval.
Undergraduate - Course Change Proposal

4. DIE 4245C – Medical Nutrition Therapy Applications Part 1
   This proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee with two revisions. The grading scale must include percentages with associated letter grades and the syllabus must include the most recent version of the Syllabus Statement boilerplate. An updated syllabus has been received and the proposal will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

5. DIE 4246L – Medical Nutrition Therapy Applications Part 2
   Change to DIE 4246C
   This proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee, also with two revisions. The grading scale must include percentages with associated letter grades and the syllabus must include the most recent version of the Syllabus Statement boilerplate. A revised syllabus has been received and the proposal will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

6. ALS 4085 – Agricultural Risk Management and the Law
   Change to AEB 4085
   This proposal was reviewed and approved by the committee with no changes or revisions. The proposal will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

Proposed Curriculum Changes / Topics for Discussion

7. The current CALS college-wide course requirements were distributed and discussed. The last modification to these requirements was made in 1995 so the committee felt that it would be appropriate to solicit input from departments on how these course requirements were being integrated into current curricula and what suggestions there might be for revision. Further discussion and development of proposed changes, if desired, will take place at the next CALS CC meeting.

8. Previous discussion about changes to tracking requirements prompted an inquiry to the Provost’s office regarding the purpose of critical tracking courses. The following response was received: “Tracking courses should be ones that determine that a student will be successful in a major (for example, Calculus for Engineering majors). They should be realistic, and not huge in number. The number will vary according to the discipline – pre-pharmacy, for example, has more than history.
9. Revisit Modification to Transfer Admission / Tracking Requirements for Geomatics major (Previously submitted to the committee 11/03/06)
This proposed change was initially tabled for further discussion during the 11/03/06 meeting. Requested modification #4 of the proposal was withdrawn and the committee unanimously approved the submission. A revision was received and will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

10. Modification to Transfer Admission / Tracking Requirements for the Forest Resources and Conservation (FRC) major
This proposal was reviewed and unanimously approved with a revision. Requested modification #2 of the proposal was withdrawn. A new proposal was received and will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

11. Modification to the NRE specialization in FRE
This proposed change was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee with no changes or revisions. The proposal will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

12. Update to International Food and Resource Economics
This change was reviewed and unanimously approved with a minor change to the wording in the cover letter. An updated version has been received and will be forwarded to the UCC for university and state approval.

13. Family, Youth and Community Services Undergraduate Instruction: A Matter of Quality vs. Quantity
This proposal was discussed and officially withdrawn by the submitting party. After revisions the proposal will be resubmitted at a later date.

14. The Dean’s office requested input from CALS CC on the future composition and selection of the CALS CC. Comments from the committee included the suggestion that each departments/school elect a representative, that representatives be interested in/familiar with curricular issues, and that a representative of off-campus programs be included. It was further suggested that the CALS representative on the Graduate Curriculum Committee be included as an ex-officio member. There was not a consensus opinion on the selection of the Chair of the CALS CC.

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30