CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
September 12, 2008
Submitted by James Fant


Guests: Anne Kendall (to discuss items 19, 20, 21 & 23)

Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on September 12, 2008 in 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Jerry Culen called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the May 16th meeting were approved as submitted.

Selection of Chair-Elect: Dr. Ricky Telg agreed to serve as chair-elect. Dr. Telg will oversee CALS CC meetings in the absence of the chair. Dr. Telg will also serve as chair for the 2009-2010 meetings.

The committee decided that it would require both the regular course syllabus and the abstract syllabus for all graduate course submissions.

All items approved by the committee will be forwarded to either the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) or the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) once any changes requested are made and the submission is complete.

Graduate – New Course Proposals

1. MCB 6XXX – Molecular Biology of Gene Expression
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee. The section on the UCC1 form asking if the course is rotating topic, S/U only or repeatable for credit needs to be completed and an abstract version of the syllabus needs to be completed for submission to the GCC.

2. SUR 6XXXC – GPS-INS Integration
   This course was reviewed and approved by the committee with changes. The course description on the UCC1 form needs to be trimmed down to 25 words or less. The lab segment of the course needs to be specified or the C code dropped from the submission. On the grading scale, the D+ range needs to be changed to 65-69.9 to match the rest of the scale. Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

3. FOR 6XXX – Advanced Forest Ecology
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee with changes. The committee has requested that letters be solicited from other departments that teach ecology courses to affirm
that this course does not duplicated others. The course description and learning outcomes in the syllabus need to reflect application to forestry. There needs to be a description of the presentation and paper that are listed in the grading system. The committee would like clarification of the grading scale. Are the numbers being rounded up? Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

4. FOR 5XXXC – Applied Forest Ecology
   This item was reviewed by the committee and rejected in its current form. If resubmission is desired, the committee has requested that letters be solicited from other departments that teach ecology courses to affirm that this course does not duplicated others. There is no justification for this course to be two credits with three contact hours. The grading scale needs to be clarified by showing how total points related to percentages. Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

5. FOR 5XXX – Ecology and Restoration of Longleaf Pine Ecosystems
   This item was reviewed and approved with changes. The committee requests that a letter be solicited from the Botany department to ensure this course does not infringe on any existing courses. The course description on the UCC1 form needs to be trimmed down to 25 words or less. The grading scale needs to be clarified by showing how total points related to percentages. Are the percentage points rounded up? Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

6. FOR 5XXX – Ecosystem Restoration Principles and Practice
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee with changes. Contact information for both instructors should be on the syllabus. An explanation of the grading scale is requested. Are percentages rounded up? Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

7. SOS 5XXX – Land Application of Residual Products
   This item was reviewed by the committee and a clean resubmission is requested. Items at the end of the syllabus need to be removed. Contact hours need to be included on the UCC1 form. A memo is requested from the Agricultural and Biological Engineering department to ensure no course infringement. An explanation of “office hours by appointment” is requested since the course is taught online. An abstract version of the syllabus is required for GCC.

8. SWS 5551 – Soils, Water, and Public Health
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee. The only suggestion is to remove “The course” from the beginning of the course description on the UCC1 form. Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

9. HOS 5XXX – Genetics & Breeding of Vegetable Crops
   This item was reviewed by the committee and denied. If resubmission is desired, letters should be solicited from other departments, including agronomy to ensure no course infringement. The committee suggests removing “Overview of” from the course description on both the UCC1 and syllabus. Should genetics be a possible prerequisite for this course? The category of instruction for this course should be intermediate. A 5000 level course should not be introductory. Current text needs to be included with the assigned reading. Are two assignments enough for this course? Abstract syllabus required for GCC.
10. HOS 5XXX – Molecular Markers in Plant Breeding
   This item was reviewed and a resubmission is requested by the committee. A letter is required from another department, possibly Agronomy, to ensure there is no content infringement. Based on the course description on the UCC1 form it is unclear if this is a combined course or a lab. Should the course be L or C? Should the course be three hours? The category of instruction should be changed to intermediate. A 5000 level course should not be introductory. Current text needs to be included in the assigned reading. Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

11. HOS 5XXX – Phytochemicals in Food and Health
   This item was reviewed by the committee and approved with changes. The course description on the UCC1 form needs to be trimmed down to 25 words or less. The committee suggests removing “This applied biotechnology course will” from the description. A letter from Food Science and Human Nutrition should be solicited to ensure no course infringement. The course can only have one designation as to degree type. Baccalaureate should be removed. The grading scale needs to be clarified by showing how total points related to percentages. The most recent version of the boilerplate with the statement on academic honesty needs to be included in the syllabus. This can be found at http://www.cals.ufl.edu/cals_solutions/curriculumcommittee.shtml under the heading University Syllabus Statements. Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

12. AEB 6505 – Mathematical Statistics for Food and Resource Economics
   This item was reviewed by the committee and approved with changes. A letter is requested from the Statistics department to ensure there is no infringement in course content. The use of mathematical in the course description needs clarification. The committee requests it be removed or provide a letter from the Mathematics department. Cover memo needs to explain justification for the course to clarify why existing statistics and/or mathematics courses are inadequate. In the prerequisite section of the UCC1 form ESI 4567 is listed. The correct course is ESI 4567C. The text for this course need to be designated required or recommended. The grading scale needs to be corrected because numbers overlap. The most updated version of the boilerplate containing the statement on academic honesty needs to be included in the syllabus. This can be found at http://www.cals.ufl.edu/cals_solutions/curriculumcommittee.shtml under the heading University Syllabus Statements. Abstract syllabus required for GCC.

Graduate – Course Change Proposals

13. HOS 6331 – Postharvest Physiology
   Title change to: Postharvest Biology
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee. Reminder: change title on syllabus.

Undergraduate – New Course Proposals

14. AEE 4XXX – Global Leadership
This item was reviewed by the committee and approved with changes. The committee suggests removing “The course offers” and first “to develop” from the course description. The most recent version of the boilerplate containing the statement on academic honesty needs to be included in the syllabus. This can be found at http://www.cals.ufl.edu/cals_solutions/curriculumcommittee.shtml under the heading University Syllabus Statements.

15. SWS 4550 – Soils, Water, and Public Health
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee. The only suggestion would be to remove “The course” from the course description.

16. MCB 3771 – Astrobiology
   This item was reviewed by the committee and approved with changes. The contact hours on the UCC1 form need to be corrected and the course description needs to be edited down to 25 words or less.

Undergraduate – Course Change Proposals

17. ORH 4804L – Annual and Perennial Gardening Lab
   Credit change: 1 to 2
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee. The title on the UCC1 form has an incorrect spelling and needs to be edited.

18. ORH 4804 – Annual and Perennial Gardening
   Credit change: 2 to 1
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee with no changes.

19. DIE 4245C – Medical Nutrition Therapy Applications – Part 1
   Credit change: 2 to 3 and drop “C” designation
   This item was reviewed by the committee and approved with changes. The course title on the UCC1 needs to be changed to “Part 1”. Credit values in new curriculum need to be verified and total a minimum of 120.

20. DIE 4246C – Medical Nutrition Therapy Applications – Part 2
   Credit change: 2 to 3 and drop “C” designation
   This item was reviewed by the committee and approved with changes. Please add updated course number to UCC2.

21. HUN 4446 – Nutrition and Disease 2
   This item was withdrawn by Dr. Kendall and will be resubmitted in the future.

Curriculum

22. Revision to Communication and Leadership Development curriculum
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee.
23. Revisions to FSHN Academic Learning Compacts for DIE and NUT
   This item was withdrawn by Dr. Kendall and will be resubmitted in the future.

24. Revisions to the Organizational Leadership in Nonprofits minor
   This item was withdrawn by Dr. Culen and will be resubmitted in the future.

25. Revisions to the Horticultural Science major
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee. It was suggested that an addition be made to the practical experience requirement to allow for study abroad experiences.

26. Elimination of International Studies Certificate
   This item was reviewed and approved by the committee.

**Conclusion**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm