CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
October 10, 2008  
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Guests: Dr. Bill Gurley (for Julie Maupin)

Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on October 10, 2008 in 1031A McCarty Hall. D. Dr. Ricky Telg (substituting for Dr. Jerry Culen) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the September 12th meeting were approved as submitted.

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. HOS 5XXXC – Molecular Markers in Plant Breeding (Resubmission from 9/12)
   This item was withdrawn by the department for further change in format.

2. MCB 6320 – Bacterial Genome Sequencing and Analysis
   This item was reviewed and recycled back to the department for changes and resubmission. The committee has requested both a graduate and undergraduate (see #3) version of the syllabus to clarify the difference in how graduate students are assessed in the course. On the UCC1 form, the last 3 digits of the proposed course number cannot be the same as another course (see #3), the contact hours need to be corrected and the “rotating topics” box needs to be marked “no”. It was also suggested by the committee that the department add “or equivalent” on the prerequisite line to accompany the MCB courses for the graduate UCC1. On the syllabus the “C” designation needs to be added to the course number (or removed from UCC1) and class meeting times and instructor office hours need to be included.

Undergraduate – New Course Proposals

3. MCB 4320 – Bacterial Genome Sequencing and Analysis
   See comments on #2 above.
Undergraduate - Course Change Proposals

4. HUN 4446 – Nutrition and Disease (Resubmission from 9/12)
This item was reviewed and approved as submitted.

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5. Soil and Water Science: proposed water science specialization
   This proposal was reviewed and recycled to the department for revisions and resubmission. The curriculum needs to contain the college’s speech requirement (AEE3030C or SPC2600). Because the CALS requirement for Economics can be met through any economics course, it was suggested that the department consider adding AEB2014 and ECO2013 and removing AEB3103 (preferred for FRE majors). The curriculum layout needs to contain credit hour counts per term to ensure a 120 hour total. The committee would also like verification that the EES and ENV courses have enough seats available. The committee also had concerns about the absence of an Intro to Soils course and course covering water policy. Does SOS4245 cover policy? What are the other options?

6. Microbiology and Cell Science: proposed change in Analytical Chemistry requirement
   This proposal was reviewed and approved. However, the committee encourages rearranging some of the course requirements for a better overall flow. For example: AEE3033 should not be in the last semester due the department not being able to guarantee seats will be available.

7. Proposal for Master of Science in Animal Sciences Non-Thesis
   This item was approved with clarification requested. Does the second faculty advisor have to be someone from the main UF campus or can this include a faculty member from one of the REC’s? Are the minimum admission requirements consistent with the thesis master’s program or are these different?

8. FSHN: proposed curriculum changes in Dietetics and Nutritional Sciences specializations
   This item was reviewed and approved with suggestions for rearrangement of semester plans. The accompanying Academic Learning Compacts (from 9/12 meeting) were also approved.

Conclusion
The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm