CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
January 9, 2009
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Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on January 9, 2009 in 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Jerry Culen called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the December 5th meeting were approved as submitted.

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

Graduate – New Course Proposals

1. FOR 5XXX – Spatial Models and Decision Analysis
   This is a resubmission, along with number 2 below, from 5/30/07. At that time both submissions were approved by the committee, but it was later determined that the submitting department must provide letters of support from other academic areas on campus to show there is no conflict. The department has provided the requested material and both submissions will be moved forward once the UCC1 forms reflect the FNR prefix.

Undergraduate – New Course Proposals

2. FOR 4XXX – Spatial Models and Decision Analysis
   See number 1 above.

Undergraduate – Course Change Proposals

3. FOR 3200C – Introduction to Forest Resources and Conservation
   (Title change to: Foundations of Forest Resources and Conservation)
   After review and discussion by the committee this submission was approved.

4. ANS 4992 – Livestock Judging
   (Change in title, credit and prerequisites)
   This is a resubmission from 11/7/08. At that time a request for clarification of course credit was made. The information has been provided by the submitting department. The item has been approved and will be forwarded.
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5. Proposed addition of non-thesis Master of Science degree for SFRC
   This submission was approved.

6. Proposed revisions to the minor in Organizational Leadership in Nonprofits
   This submission was approved with some minor corrections in credit totals requested.

7. Proposed change to FRC Environmental Pre-Law curriculum
   This submission was approved.

Discussion Topics

8. Name of merged Botany and Zoology Department
   Dr. Turner informed the committee that CLAS has combined these two departments and proposes a name of Biology Department. Although the proposed name was already approved by the University Curriculum Committee, CALS requested a delay in forwarding the name change to the Faculty Senate for approval in order to allow biology-related units to review and comment on the proposed name. The committee discussed materials submitted by CLAS and came to a consensus position supporting the new name but recognizing that it will be important for CLAS and CALS to continue to work together to ensure that students interested in majoring in Biology can find the information they need to choose the most appropriate specialization for their career goals. A summary of the CALS CC discussion will be forwarded to CLAS.

9. Proposal to change GRE minima for FRC major in SFRC.
   This proposal does not require a committee vote because the changes are within the context of the FRC graduate major and meet or exceed the Graduate School minima.

10. Dr. Culen called for agenda items for an upcoming Faculty Assembly / Executive Committee meeting.

11. Dr. Turner informed the committee of a proposal by the College of Business Administration to increase the credit value of ECO 2013 and ECO 2023. The Food and Resource Economics Department has committed to expanding availability of AEB 2014 as an alternative course for the college’s Economics requirement.

12. Dr. Turner informed the committee of the College of Public Health and Health Professions’ new Department of Environmental and Global Health.

Conclusion
The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm