CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
April 10, 2009
Submitted by James Fant


Guest: Mel Sunquist

Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on April 10, 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 January 9th 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. ALS 6XXX – Advanced Exotic Species and Biosecurity Issues
   This item was reviewed along with item #7 (ALS 4XXX – Exotic Species and Biosecurity Issues). The committee suggests removing “Advanced” from the proposed title in item #1 as this indicates a sequential course to follow ALS 4XXX. Both the graduate and undergraduate titles are the same in co-taught courses. The committee requests an explanation as to why there is no final exam for the graduate course. This can be addressed in the cover letter. The committee is also concerned with the rigor of the reading list for the graduate students and suggests additional material. The points under the grading policy for the graduate course are totaled incorrectly. These two items were tabled until the issues with the graduate submission can be resolved. A resubmission will be viewed at the next meeting of the CALS CC.

2. ALS 6XXX – Advanced Topics in Biological Invasions
   This item was reviewed along with item #6 (ALS 4XXX – Topics in Biological Invasions). As with item #1, the committee suggests removing “Advanced” from the title of item #2. The committee also suggests more current literature and an increase in number regarding assigned readings for the graduate course. A motion was made by Dr. Lisa House to approve these two submissions and forward them once the stated issues are addressed. The motion was approved.

Graduate – Course Change Proposals

3. EVR 6320 – Principles of Natural Resource Management
   (Title change to: Sustainable Natural Resource Management)
A motion was made by Dr. Rebecca Darnell to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Undergraduate – New Course Proposals**

4. HOS 4932 – Special Topics in Horticultural Sciences  
This submission needs minor adjustment on the UCC1 form. The total repeatable credit allowed needs to be changed to six and the variable credit maximum needs to be changed to three. A motion was made by Dr. Wendell Porter to approve the item with changes to the UCC1. The motion was approved.

5. ALS 4XXX – Topics in Biological Invasions  
See item #2

6. ALS 4XXX – Exotic Species and Biosecurity Issues  
See item #1

7. ALS 4XXX – Challenges in Plant Resource Protection  
The committee had two concerns with this submission. The section for co-requisites on the UCC1 needs to contain the courses listed as co-requisites in the syllabus. The committee was also concerned with the high percentage points attached to participation and attendance and they request a more in-depth explanation to be included in the syllabus. A motion was made by Dr. Wendell Ported to approve this submission with the changes to the UCC1 and syllabus. The motion was approved.

8. ALS 3XXX – Honors Orientation  
A motion was made by Dr. Lisa House to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Undergraduate – Course Change Proposals**

9. ORH 4264L – Floriculture Crops Lab II  
(Title and credit change to: Greenhouse and Nursery Crop Culture Lab – 1 credit)  
This submission was reviewed along with item #10. A motion was made by Dr. Rebecca Darnell to approve these items as submitted. The motion was approved. (This was #4 on the committee agenda but was moved due the submission of an incorrect UCC form. This required a UCC2 instead of a UCC1 and therefore changed categories)

10. ORH 4264C – Greenhouse and Nursery Crop Culture  
(Course number and credit change to: ORH 4264 – 3 credits)  
See item #9

11. AEE 4948 – Agricultural Communication Internship  
(Change in course credit and prerequisites)
A motion was made by Dr. Lisa House to approve this item as submitted. The motion was passed.

12. AEE 4943 – Leadership Education Internship
(Change in course credit, title and prerequisites)
   A motion was made by Dr. Rebecca Darnell to approve this item as submitted. The motion was passed.

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13. Proposed change to the Communication and Leadership Development Program
   A motion was made by Dr. Wendell Porter to approve the curriculum change as submitted. The motion was passed.

   Mel Sunquist attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding this request. A motion was made by Dr. Lisa House to approve the request as submitted. The motion was approved.

Discussion Topics

CALS Guidelines for Submission of Co-taught Undergraduate and Graduate Course Proposals
   Dr. Culen provided a copy of his proposal for review by the committee. During the discussion changes and edits were suggested. A new version of the submission will be presented and the next meeting.

Dr. Telg wanted to quickly discuss and remind the committee that minus grades were going into effect Summer A 2009.

Conclusion
The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm