CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
February 18, 2011  
Submitted by James Fant


Guests: Rose Koenig and Jeff Jones

Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on February 18, 2011 in Rm. 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Wendell Porter called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Previous agenda items and supporting material can be found on the CALS Curriculum Committee homepage under archived information: http://www.cals.ufl.edu/faculty_staff/curriculum_committee.shtml

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Humphrey to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2011 meeting of the CALS CC. The motion was approved.

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.

Syllabus Statements – http://www.cals.ufl.edu/faculty_staff/curriculum_committee.shtml

Undergraduate New Course Proposals

1. BSC 4434 – Introduction to Bioinformatics  
   A motion was made by Dr. Humphrey to approve this item with a change requested. This motion was approved. The course description needs to be edited to delete unnecessary words (e.g., this is an upper-division course) and information about course content.

2. PLS 3XXX – Principles of Plant Science  
   A motion was made by Dr. Bennett to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. There should be mention of a textbook in the syllabus even if one is not required. The numbers in the grading scale need to be corrected. Reading assignments for each lesson topic should be included.

3. PLS 4941 – Practical Work Experience  
   A motion was made by Dr. Bennett to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. The maximum credits per semester on the UCC1 needs to be changed from four to three. The course description needs to be reworded incorporating the learning
objectives. The prerequisite section of the UCC1 needs to include junior or senior standing. Remove the term “full-time” from the syllabus.

**Undergraduate Course Change Proposals**

4. HOS 4933 – Professional Development Seminar
   A motion was made by Dr. Guy to approve this item with a change requested. The motion was approved. Remove the last sentence from the proposed course description.

5. FAS 4405 – Aquariums, Water, and Aquaculture
   A motion was made by Dr. Bennett to approve this item with a change requested. The motion was approved. There is an extra “1” in the course number BSC 2011L on the UCC1 under prerequisites.

6. VEC 4905 – Independent Study in Vegetable Crops
7. VEC 4932 – Special Topics in Vegetable Crops
8. FRC 4941 – Full-Time Practical Work Experience in Fruit Crops
9. FRC 4905 – Independent Study in Fruit Crops
10. AGR 3005 – Principles of Crop Science
11. AGR 3005L – Principles of Crop Science Laboratory

(Course Terminations)
   Items 6-11 were considered as one. A motion was made by Dr. Humphrey to approve all items as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Curriculum**

12. Proposal for revisions to the Plant Science major
   A motion was made by Dr. Giuliano to approve this proposal with some edits required. The motion was approved. Course titles should be checked for accuracy. For example: AEB 2014 should be *Economic Issues, Food and You*. All course listings in elective areas need to be checked for accuracy and availability. Directly after the meeting an email was sent to committee members requesting they list their specific concerns with the elective courses. These concerns were then forwarded to the submitter to complete the edits.

**Discussion Topics**

13. Dr. Charles Guy – Departmentally Controlled Classes/Sections
   Concerns were raised about the growing number of departmentally controlled courses and difficulties this poses for enrolling students in courses. It was suggested that department representatives examine the reasons for departmental control of registration for courses in their area. Dr. Turner agreed to pose this as a discussion topic for the University Curriculum Committee.

**Conclusion**
The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.