CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
January 20, 2012  
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Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on January 20, 2012 in Rm. 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Nicole Stedman 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. Porter to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2011 meeting of the CALS CC. The motion was approved.

As a new standing agenda item for each meeting Dr. Turner will provide the committee with updates of UCC action on CALS items.

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

Update from UCC
The following curricular items were approved at the December UCC meeting: changes to the FYCS undergraduate major, undergraduate Bioinformatics minor and interdisciplinary studies major in Marine Sciences. These changes will be in effect for the 2012-2013 catalog. The only recent course action was approval of the new ALS5XXX Reusable Learning Objects.

Graduate New Course Proposal
1. HOS5XXX – Molecular Marker Assisted Plant Breeding
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to return this item to the department for updates and resubmission. The motion was approved. On the UCC1 form the first sentence of the course description should be removed. It was suggested that the category of instruction should be changed to intermediate for this course. A UCC1 checklist needs to be included with this
submission. The syllabus needs to include the following: a reading list if there is no required text, a grading scale, a make-up policy and a more in depth description of assignments.

**Graduate Course Change Proposal**

2. ALS5026 – Advanced Teaching in Colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this and item #3 together as submitted. The motion was approved.

3. ALS5032 – Teaching in Colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences
   See item #2.

4. HOS5616 – Agricultural Meteorology
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this and item #5 together as submitted. The motion was approved.

5. HOS5325C – Citrus Fresh Fruit Technology
   See item #4.

**Curriculum**

6. Proposal for the addition of Agroecology as a graduate concentration in both the Agronomy and Soil & Water Science Departments
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

**CALS Policy**

7. Proposal for a policy change regarding transfer students
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approved this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Updates**

8. Policies on CALS Certificate Programs
   Dr. Turner provided updates on requirements for undergraduate, professional and graduate certificate programs based on guidelines from the university, which will be posted on the CALS CC web site.

**Additional Items**

9. SWS5XXX – Environmental Biogeochemistry
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to return this item to the department for updates and resubmission. A greater difference in learning objectives needs to be shown between
undergraduate and graduate students. Given the high percentage of the final grade awarded for attendance, more detail is needed on what contributes to the attendance grade and policies related to excused and unexcused absences.

10. Agricultural Operations Management Curriculum Changes:
   Updating biology requirement to BSC2010/2010L and BSC 2011
   Replacing AOM3073 with AOM2520 as a result of retiring faculty
   A motion was made by Dr. Schneider to approve these changes as submitted. The motion was approved.

   Dr. Turner presented curriculum changes in regards to the biology requirement for Agricultural Education and Communication, Environmental Science, Family, Youth and Community Sciences, Food and Resource Economics and Statistics. This change is a result of the merging of BSC2007 and BSC2008 to BSC2009.
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve these changes as submitted. The motion was approved.

Conclusion
The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.