CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
November 16, 2012
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Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on November 16, 2012 in Rm. 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Phil Kaufman called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 October 12, 2012 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

Update from UCC:
At the last UCC meeting (October 16, 2012) curriculum changes to the Extension Education minor and Environmental Science major were approved with one change; the name “premedical concentration” in the Environmental Science major was changed to “preprofessional concentration” to be more consistent with other curriculum names. Undergraduate certificates in Geomatics, Family Life Education and Personal and Family Financial Management were approved although there was concern about having a certificate with the same name as a major (Geomatics). The submission was clarified to indicate that students enrolled in the Geomatics major are not eligible for a Geomatics certificate. All other course proposals and recent Graduate School actions were also approved. Also discussed at the UCC meeting were the coming changes to General Education statewide as a result of recent legislation. To summarize, General Education statewide will consist of 30 credit hours, 15 of which are to be from a set of common core courses in five discipline areas. The remaining 15 credits will be at the discretion of each individual campus. Updates will be provided to Undergraduate Coordinators and the CALS CC as they become available.
Graduate New Course Proposals

1. NEM 6XXXL – Nematode Systematics and Molecular Phylogeny Laboratory
   (This item was reviewed with item #3 NEM 6102 – Nematode Taxonomy and Systematics)
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve both of these items with changes requested. The motion was approved. On the UCC1 form for item #1 the spelling of Systematics in the Full Course Title needs to be corrected and the Contact Hour Base should be 4 (instead of X). Also, the same course cannot be both a Prerequisite and a Co-requisite. Suggest deleting NEM6102 as a prerequisite and leaving it as a co-requisite if the intention is that the courses be taken together. On the UCC2 form for item #2, complete the section on Contact Hours as From _3_ To _2_ and in the Prerequisites section change NEM 6942C to NEM 6942.
   In the grading section of each syllabus the points scale needs to be corrected by changing the number 448 to 439. The policy on class attendance in each syllabus is unclear. Please clarify the difference between excused and unexcused absences. At the end of the first paragraph in the evaluation section of the syllabus for item #1 the word “and” should be added before “evaluated.”

2. PLS 6XXX – Invasion Ecology (Resubmission from 9/14/2012)
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

Graduate Course Change Proposals

3. NEM 6102 – Nematode Taxonomy and Systematics
   See item #1.

Graduate Certificate Proposals

4. Environmental Education and Communication (Resubmission from 9/14/2012)
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. Include statement on required grades for graduate certificates if necessary. Review course options for correct prefixes, numbers and availability. Some options listed are no longer taught.

Undergraduate New Course Proposals

5. AEC 3XXX – Fostering Innovation Through Leadership
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

6. BSC 4XXX – Independent Studies in Bioinformatics (Resubmission from 10/12/2012)
   (This item was reviewed with item #7 BSC 4XXX – Advanced Independent Studies in Bioinformatics)
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve these items with minor changes requested. The motion was approved. The course description on both UCC1 forms needs to be edited.
Remove “This course is a” from both descriptions and remove “capstone” from the description for #6.

7. BSC 4XXX – Advanced Independent Studies in Bioinformatics (Resubmission from 10/12/2012)
   See item #7.

Academic Learning Compacts / Student Learning Outcomes

8. Entomology and Nematology Undergraduate ALC & SLO update
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

9. Food and Resource Economics SLO Revision
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

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10. Packaging Science Minor revisions
    A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

Additional item added after agenda distributed

11. FSHN change in Dietetics curriculum
    A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted pending a minor change to the cover letter. The course being replaced is AEB 3133 Principles of Agribusiness Management (not AEB 3122). The motion was approved.

Conclusion
    The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.