CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
December 14, 2012  
Submitted by James Fant  


Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on December 14, 2012 in Rm. 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Phil Kaufman called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 16, 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: There was no update from the UCC; the next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2012.  

Dr. Turner and Dr. Kaufman discussed with the committee the proposal from Dean Balser for the formation of a CALS Council for Teaching Enhancement and Innovation. In the proposal, a liaison to the CALS Curriculum Committee is requested. Several members of the current committee are interested in self-nominating for the Council. Once the Council members have been selected, a CALS CC liaison will be determined.  

Graduate New Course Proposals  

1. AEC 6XXX – Delivering Educational Programs in Agricultural Settings  
A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. On the UCC1 form replace the X in the base contact hour section with “4” and “This course focuses on” needs to be removed from the course description. The syllabus needs to include potential meeting times to show the appropriate number of contact hours. Clarification is requested regarding the make-up policy for non-university excused absences. The E range of the grading scale needs to be changed to 0-299.
Graduate Certificate Programs

   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item with a request to consider removing the last sentence of the description to avoid limitation to distance learning. The motion was approved.

3. Landscape Pest Management (Resubmit – tabled at 9/23/2011 meeting)
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item with a request to consider removing the last sentence of the description to avoid limitation to distance learning. The motion was approved.

4. Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item with a change requested. The motion was approved. There is concern regarding the policy courses listed at the end of the requirements section. The credit value for AEB 4085 needs to be changed to three. There was also some concern about the availability of AEB 4085. It was suggested that the final requirement simply be 3 credits of an approved policy course and that the student see the department for a course option that can be added to the certificate audit.

Undergraduate Course Change Proposal

5. BSC 4434 – Introduction to Bioinformatics
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. The course number on the syllabus needs the “C” added and the semester changed to Fall 2012 or later. The link to UF grading policies needs to be updated to: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx. The section on recommendation letters should be removed from the syllabus. An announcement to the class regarding this policy is sufficient.

Curriculum

6. Proposed graduate-level concentration in Natural Resource Policy and Administration
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

7. Proposed change to CALS Biology major
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

8. Proposed change to the International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Minor
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

9. Proposed changes to FRE specialization International Food and Resource Economics
A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

    A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Item submitted after the agenda was posted**

11. Proposed revisions to CALS Statistics major
    A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Conclusion**
    The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.