CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
March 15, 2013  
Submitted by James Fant


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Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on March 15, 2013 in Rm. 1031A McCarty Hall D. Dr. Phil Kaufman 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 February 15, 2013 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  
All undergraduate items from CALS on the February 2013 UCC agenda were approved.

Graduate Course Change Proposal

1. PLP 5656C – Mycology  
   (A decision was made to review this item with item #2 PLP 3653C – Introductory Mycology – Both are a change in course number, prerequisites and course description)
   
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve these items with changes requested. The motion was approved. The following requested changes apply to both syllabuses: days of the lectures and labs need to be included, the university policy on excused absences needs to be applied to policy of no make-up labs (consider an alternate lab experience or the ability to drop the lowest lab score) and the most updated version of the syllabus statements needs to be included (link provided above).

Undergraduate Course Change Proposal

2. PLP 3653C – Introductory Mycology
3. FOR 4670L – Urban Forestry Applications
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

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4. Proposed Entomology and Nematology Major Changes
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to table this item and return it to the department for further discussion. A more explicit rationale is requested for the proposed changes. Explain the need for certain courses to be taken in live sessions versus on-line. The committee feels the change to specialization electives should be given greater consideration due to the possibility of this requirement being completed with less than a 2.0 GPA. The committee felt it may be best to handle grades less than the currently required C on a case-by-case basis rather than accepting a C- for all specialization electives. Lastly, any changes to minors must be considered as a separate submission.

5. Recommended Changes to CALS College-Wide Requirements
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

Syllabus Requirements

6. Recommended Changes to Standard Syllabus Statement
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

Conclusion
   The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.