CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
May 17, 2013  
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Call to Order: The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Curriculum Committee met on May 17, 2013 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. Myers to approve the minutes from the April 19, 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  
No new information to report.  

Graduate New Course Proposals  

1. ALS 5XXX – Global Agroecosystems  
   (Reviewed with item #6, ALS 4XXX – Global Agroecosystems)  
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve both items with changes requested. The motion was approved. As a prerequisite the graduate syllabus includes SWS5050 which is not listed on the UCC1 form. It either needs to be added to the UCC form or removed from the syllabus. In both the graduate and undergraduate syllabus the grading scale should be shown as points instead of percentages to match the wording in the Evaluation of Students section. Also, the Topical Outline in each syllabus should show potential test dates and the graduate version should show a research project deadline. Lastly, the undergraduate syllabus needs to include a statement on co-taught courses explaining the difference in expectations.
2. FYC 6113 – Families, Communities and Globalization
   A motion was made by Dr. Myers to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. The effective date on the UCC1 form needs to be changed to Fall 2013. The course prerequisites and description in the syllabus need to match the UCC form. The syllabus needs to include tentative class meeting times and office hours. The grading scale is missing the number range 90 to 91.9. The F grade needs to be changed to an E. This section should also include the link to the Registrar’s website on grades provided above. The graphic showing assignments and points needs to match the point values for assignments further down in the syllabus (Picturing Global Families 100 or 50, Attendance & Participation 75 or 50). Include a make-up policy consistent with university requirements for assignments and exams. A link to this policy can be found in the required syllabus statements (link provided above).

Graduate Course Change Proposal

3. AEC 6945 – Practicum in Agricultural Education and Communication
   (Change to variable credit)
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

Graduate Certificate Proposal

4. Leadership in Agriculture and Natural Resources
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item with a suggestion. The motion was approved. It was suggested that the department consider other course options from other departments for electives. Per Dr. Turner, prerequisite will need to be revised to include “bachelors degree of higher.”

Graduate Curriculum Proposal

5. Doctor of Plant Medicine
   A motion was made by Dr. Porter to approve this item as submitted. The motion was approved.

Undergraduate New Course Proposals

6. ALS 4XXX – Global Agroecosystems
   See item #1.

7. NUR 3197 – Genetics and Genomics in Health Care
   A motion was made by Dr. Bartz to approve this item with changes requested. The motion was approved. It was proposed that the department consider opening this course to other students in addition to Nursing majors. The course objectives in the syllabus should be changed to learning objectives and the most recent version of the syllabus statement for Academic Honesty needs to be included (link provided above). Consider adding recommended Statement for Distance Courses which is also provided in the Syllabus Statements document (link above).
Conclusion
   The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.