

MINUTES

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2010, Noon – 1:30 pm
250 Agricultural Hall

Present: Stier (Chair), Bednarek, Berkelman, Bohnhoff, Fadl, Hayslett, Martin, Pfatteicher,
Absent: Gisler, Jackson, Kumerow, Mitchell, Pearson, Pelegri, Paustian, Stubbings

Approval of Past Minutes

The September 14th minutes were unanimously approved.

COURSE PROPOSALS

New Course Proposals

L SC COM 370: Communication in Life Science Industries

A motion was made by Fadl and seconded by Bohnhoff to conditionally approve **L SC COM 370** pending the following changes.

- The capsule statement on the course proposal needs to be revised and made more brief. A suggested change is, “*Techniques of achieving clarity, brevity and effectiveness in the life sciences communication industry: communication planning, preparation and execution for internal and external life sciences industry audiences.*”
- item 9 – add “and” between Kristin Runge (MS) Professor Jacqueline Hitchon...
- syllabus – it was suggested that DMA be spelled out in the syllabus, as NAICS was spelled out in the course objectives

The motion passed with conditional approval.

F & W ECOL 110: Living with Wildlife – Animals, Habitats and Human Interactions

A motion was made by Bednarek and seconded by Bohnhoff to partner the discussion of **F & W ECOL 110** with **F & W ECOL 318**. **The motion passed.** Discussion of both proposals led to the following recommendations by the committee.

F & W ECOL 110: Living With Wildlife - Animals, Habitats and Human Interactions

- title of course remains the same
- John Stier will write a letter on behalf of the CALS Curriculum Committee explaining the rationale for the title of **F & W ECOL 110** to remain the same
- proposal item 16 – update status of letters from departments
- a letter from the F & W ECOL department explaining the relationship of **F & W ECOL 110** to **F & W ECOL 335 / ZOOLOGY 335**

F & W ECOL 318: Principles of Wildlife Ecology

- add course objectives to the syllabus

A motion was made by Bednarek and seconded by Bohnhoff to conditionally approve **F & W ECOL 110** and **F & W ECOL 318** pending the revisions listed above. **The motion passed with conditional approval.**

F & W ECOL 101: Departmental and Career Orientation

A motion was made by Bednarek and seconded by Hayslett to conditionally approve the course change proposal for **F & W ECOL 101** pending the following changes.

- change title to “Orientation to Wildlife Ecology”
- change course description - omit "For Wildlife Ecology Majors"
- rephrase course objectives 1 and 2 on the syllabus: i.e. 1 – To investigate the historical significance of the department of F & W ECOL. 2 – To research contemporary issues in the field of Wildlife Ecology.

The motion passed with conditional approval.

AAE 215: Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics

*Requested change: add University General Education Requirement,
Liberal Arts and Sciences Designation*

The committee is in support of the addition of the University General Education Requirement, Liberal Arts and Sciences Designation to **AAE 215**. Adding this designation does not require a committee motion or vote.

C & E SOC 985: Research: Sociology of Environment, Technology, and Agrofood Systems

Requested change: course title

A motion was made by Stier and seconded Bednarek to conditionally approve the course change proposal for **C & E SOC 985** pending the following change.

- On the proposal, the change should be marked effective in SPRING of 2010-2011 instead of FALL.

The motion passed with conditional approval.

SC_AAE X66: Decision Making in a Market Economy

A motion was made by Stier and seconded by Bohnhoff to conditionally approve the course change proposal for **SC_AAE X66** pending the following changes.

- items 7 and 8 on the proposal must be checked for content: according to a newly received document from Ken Shapiro regarding overlaps, he stated, "After comparing the FISC course content with AAE 215 and AAE 320, the committee unanimously decided to endorse one (1) AAE transfer credit for the FISC course under the otherwise identical terms as previously. Note we approved 1 (versus the previous 2) credit due to the additional depth of the current AAE 215 and AAE 320 versus the FISC." (The current proposal reads that no credit will be given.)
- the proposed syllabus needs to have the new title in the header: Business Principles for Agricultural Management
- the grading scale "bell curve" needs to be modified - do some students in the class automatically get Ds; no one receives a failing grade; the grading scale is not acceptable (ranges need to be given for each grade A 90% - 100%, etc., and an F should be a part of the scale)
- the percentage breakdown did not make sense to the committee: 10% attendance, 10% class participation, two midterm exams and the final exam are equally weighted (making the exams worth 26.6% each?)

The motion passed with conditional approval.

Freshman Seminar Course Approval: A document discussing the procedure and criteria for submitting a Freshman Seminar Course was distributed. The committee had no concerns regarding the document. Stier will be assisting Wren Singer, Assistant Dean and Director, Center of First Year Experience, with the review of courses that are submitted by departments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

November Meetings:

Tuesday, November 8th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 23rd, Room 250, Agricultural Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Submitted by Karen Martin