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Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, December 8, 2010
2:00pm, President's Conference Room, Dossett Hall

Present: The secretary (Keith Green) notes that this is likely an incomplete list of attendees. His recollection is that two representatives of the registrar's office were also present, and is concerned that the attendance sign-in is not circulating the whole room. Was it Billie Lancaster and Bobbie Sue Wood?

Members: Leslie, Adebonojo, Kathy Campbell, Alison Deadman, Ellen Drummond, Shawna Lichtenwalner, Todd Emma, Jason Davis, Marsh Grube, Jill LeRoy-Frazier, Chul-Young Roh, Suzanne Smith, Deborah Dotson, Mel Page

Visitors: Katrina Heil (Languages and Literature), (?) Ardis Nelson (languages and literature), Chris Gregg (Geosciences)

1. Approval of the minutes from November 17, 2010

Motion to accept minutes: Suzanne Smith, Motion seconded: Debbie Dotson, Approved by unanimous vote.

2. Report of actions by the chair on behalf of the committee (per agenda)

a. Returned for revision and reconsideration by the committee

TBR Proposal—Certificate in Public Health

b. Returned for minor revision (approval pending these changes)

Substantial Course Modification—B IOL 4037/5037 (Coastal Biology Field Trip)

Non-Substantive Curriculum Change—Political Science

New Course—PSCI 3440 (Research Methods)

c. Tabled

Substantial Course Modification: BLUE 4230 (Songwriting)

d. Approved

New Course Proposals—CJCR 3700 (Domestic Terrorism and Counterterrorism)

CHEM 3550 (Forensic Chemistry)

GEOL 4407/5407 (Plate Tectonics)

Substantial Course Modifications—BIOL 4037-5037

3. Proposals Reviewed

a. (2:05-2:25 pm) TBR Proposal: Removal of portfolio requirement for BA in Foreign Languages (Originator: Jerome Mwinyelle)

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Proposal was represented by Professor Ardis Nelson, and reviewed for the committee by Debbie Dotson and Chol-Young Roh.

The following editorial changes to the proposal were identified as needed:

This is a TBR proposal to drop the portfolio requirement for foreign language French, German, and Spanish majors. Committee noted the need for clarification in the fields of “concentrations” on the form cover, to delete “French, German, and Spanish” since these are majors and not concentrations. Form summary

Reviewers for the committee also noted that under “need” in the curriculum field, the reference to the Foreign language department needs to be changed to ‘foreign language faculty in the Department of Literature and Language.

Implementation date must be changed to Spring 2011.

Motion to approve pended editorial changes stipulated above: Debbie Dotson, Second Shawna Lichtenwalner, Approved by unanimous vote.

b. (2:25-2:45 pm) New Course Proposal: GEOL 3500 Volcanology (Christopher Gregg) Todd **Emma & Jason Davis**

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Proposal was represented by Chris Gregg, and reviewed for the committee by members Emma and Davis.

Gregg emphasized the ‘cache’ of the study of volcanoes in the field of Geology. He noted that this course has been taught under an experimental number the maximum number of times. And he spoke of the broader implications and advantages of study volcanic hazards and risks.

Proposal: The following editorial changes to the proposal were indicated by the committee:

Maximum credit hours should be N/A. Under availability of resources, each of the fields should be “adequate”.

Committee invited editing the catalog description for clarity (deleting the list of topics) and the rational for proposal to point out that the course enhances coverage of core concerns of the discipline, in line with standard practices in the discipline.

Syllabus: Committee requested revision of learning objectives.

Motion to approve pending stipulated editorial changes without returning to committee made by Green, seconded by Deadman, approved by unanimous vote.

4. Old Business

No items of old business were revisited for discussion or action.

5. Adjournment

Leslie Adebonojo moved to adjourn, seconded by Alison Deadman, approved unanimously.