UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL October 4, 2006

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - 2005-2006

Dr. William K. Vencill, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Dr. Amy B. Batal

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Dr. Rodney Mauricio (Sciences)

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Journalism and Mass Communication - Dr. Wendy A. Macias

Law -Mr. David E. Shipley

Pharmacy - Dr. Keith N. Herist

Public and International Affairs - Dr. Jeffrey D. Berejikian

Public Health – Dr. Stephen L. Rathbun

Social Work - Dr. Patricia M. Reeves

Veterinary Medicine - Dr. Paige Carmichael

Graduate School - Dr. Malcolm R. Adams

Ex-officio Member - Dr. Arnett C. Mace

Undergraduate Student Representative - Ms. Alison Gibbons

Graduate Student Representative - Ms. Lindsey Scott

The Full University Curriculum Committee met on August 31, 2006. Since the last report to University Council, the committee approved 128 new courses and 261 course changes.

The committee approved the following proposals which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council for consideration:

Proposal for a Dual Degree:

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Proposal to offer a non-thesis option for the major in Housing and Consumer Economics (M.S.)

The committee approved the following new prefixes:

BINF: Bioinformatics

ESSE: Elementary and Social Studies Education

The committee established an ad hoc committee to examine distance education courses and consider revision of Academic Affairs Policy Statement #17, Extended Education.

The following UCC members agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee:

Dr. Keith Herist

Dr. Wendy Macias

Dr. Stephen Rathbun

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A discussion was held concerning the implementation of plus/minus grading scales. Dr. Mace made several background comments concerning the plus/minus grading system. After a lengthy discussion, the committee established an ad hoc committee to review possible plus/minus grading scales. The following UCC members agreed to serve on this ad hoc committee:

Dr. Rodney Mauricio Dr. Stephen Baginski Dr. Paige Carmichael

Dr. Malcolm Adams

The committee elected the following subcommittee chairs:

Physical Sciences and Mathematics: Dr. Amy Batal

Biological Sciences: Dr. David Newman Social Sciences: Mr. David Shipley

Humanities and Fine Arts: Dr. Wendy Macias Other Professional Courses: Dr. Stephen Baginski

The committee received as an information item a Report on College Board Advanced Placement at the University of Georgia. Dr. Dunn presented the report and answered questions from the committee.

Dr. Hathcote, chair of the General Education Subcommittee, provided a detailed background and overview of the development of a proposed General Education Curriculum by the Task Force on General Education and subsequent faculty forums and General Education Subcommittee work to develop the proposed plan. The committee also received the following information items concerning the General Education Curriculum:

New Proposed General Education Curriculum

Revision of Academic Affairs Policy Statement #14, General Education Curriculum Comparison of Current UGA Core and Proposed General Education Curriculum

Respectfully submitted.

William K. Vencill, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

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cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr. Dr. Delmer D. Dunn