

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
February 8, 2007

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - 2006-2007

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Undergraduate Student Representative B Ms. Alison Gibbons

Graduate Student Representative - Ms. Lindsey Scott

The Full University Curriculum Committee met on November 17, 2006, and January 12, 2007. Since the last report to University Council, the committee approved 93 new courses and 153 course changes.

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

Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies

Proposal for a Dual Degree: Pharm.D./M.P.H.

Proposal to offer a major in Latin with a non-thesis option under the M.A.

Proposal to offer a major in Archaeological Resource Management under the M.S.

Proposal to change the name of the following major under the Ph.D.:

From: Reading Education

To: Language and Literacy Education

Proposal to establish the Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology

The committee approved Areas of Emphasis under the following majors:

Major in Classical Languages (M.A.)

Area of Emphasis in Greek

Area of Emphasis in Latin

Area of Emphasis in Latin and Greek

Major in Italian (A.B.)

Area of Emphasis in Italian Studies

Major in Computer Science (B.S.)

Area of Emphasis in Computer Systems

Area of Emphasis in Software Design

Area of Emphasis in Computational Science and Visualization

Area of Emphasis in Internet and Information Technology

Area of Emphasis in Theoretical Computer Science

Area of Emphasis in Artificial Intelligence

Major in Pharmacy (M.S.)

Area of Emphasis in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Regulatory Affairs

Major in Agricultural Economics (M.S.)

Area of Emphasis in Applied Economics

Major in Agricultural Economics (Ph.D.)

Area of Emphasis in Applied Economics

Area of Emphasis in Environmental Economics

At the November meeting, several representatives from the Student Government Association presented the concept for a University-wide course, ARCH 1101, Academics, Responsibility, Community, History. The committee members asked questions and provided feedback.

Ms. Kathryn Bowers addressed the committee concerning the lack of compliance with the syllabus policy requiring that an online syllabus be available for student access. Online syllabus information is available for many courses accessible from the Bulletin web site, but there are many courses that do not have an online syllabus available.

The committee discussed the issue of 3000- and 4000-level courses that do not have prerequisites. The committee agreed to send a letter to all departments with 3000- and 4000-level courses that don't require prerequisites asking them to consider adding prerequisites to courses if it is apparent that students are not prepared.

A request was made for the committee members to ask for volunteers in each of the schools and colleges for administration of a general education assessment tool, C-Base, during one class period in January.

The Subcommittee on Plus/Minus Grading was charged with providing guidance for faculty concerning the plus/minus grading system. The subcommittee members discussed a proposal to distribute a document to faculty that includes several sample grading scales that could be used for plus/minus grading. These scales are not required or recommended; they are provided for information only. The UCC agreed to distribute the document to faculty and post it on the web with the Plus/Minus Grading System FAQ.

At the January meeting, the committee approved a request to add CMLT 2600, Multicultural Black Diaspora Literature, to Area C of the Core Curriculum. This request will be forwarded to the Board of Regents' Council on General Education for consideration.

The committee approved, with a minor change in wording, a proposed revision of Academic Affairs Policy Statement No.11, Procedures for Establishing or Changing Implementation Plans for the Cultural Diversity Requirement. The revision includes a set of criteria that will be used when considering courses.

The committee approved a revision of the Advanced Placement mathematics information.

The committee approved requests via e-mail vote for the following prefixes:

Approved November 11, 2006

ENVE - Environmental Engineering

CSEE - Computer Systems Engineering

BCHE - Biochemical Engineering

ENGG - General Institute of the Faculty of Engineering

Approved December 7, 2006

KINS - Kinesiology

PERS - Persian

TURK - Turkish

ISIW - Interdisciplinary Studies of the Islamic World

Approved February 7, 2007

FISH - Fisheries and Aquaculture

NRRT - Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism

WASR - Water and Soil Resources

WILD - Wildlife

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Respectfully submitted,



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Professor Jere W. Morehead

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