

# COLLEGE OF SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

## NOVEMBER 8, 2013

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**Present:** Dr. Allan, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gosse, Dr. Hickman, Dr. Konkle, Dr. New Freeland, Dr. Riley, Ms. Smitley, Dr. Somayajulu, Ms. Sangpeal, Mr. Young,

**Visitors:** Dr. Stephen Lucas, Dr. Rebecca Throneburg, Dr. Richard Wandling, Dr. Karen Swenson

*Dr. Allan called the meeting to order 2:00 PM.*

### **I. Minutes**

The minutes of the September 27, 2013 meeting were approved by acclamation.

### **II. Communications**

A. Dr. Stephen Lucas and Dr. Rebecca Throneburg attended to provide an update on the draft EIU Learning Goals and responded to questions from the committee. Dr. Lucas thanked the committee for their help last year with the development of the Quantitative Reasoning Learning Goal. Dr. Throneburg discussed the process of revising the University Learning Goals to this point. Dr. Lucas discussed the Five-Year Plan, and upcoming policy revisions that will be coming before CAA such as the syllabus policy, the credit hour policy and the revised course proposal. They explained that they anticipate approval of the revised learning goals this semester, likely at the meeting held the last week of instruction. They plan to hold workshops for faculty on the new learning goals next semester. In the future they want to look at what goes on inside the general education classes. They see those classes as serving to lay the foundation for the learning goals and will be looking for those classes to provide depth in one or two of the categories. CAA also wants to look at what assessment can be done during the middle college years and how the learning goals are tied into the capstone and upper division courses offered in the majors. They thanked the committee and said they anticipated returning each semester during the implementation of their five-year plan.

B. College of Education and Professional Studies CC 9-23-13, 10-14-13

C. Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences CC 9-16-13

### **III. Executive Actions**

The following items were approved by executive action:

- Request from Political Science to revise the numbering of PLS 3863
- Request from Geology-Geography to revise the course credits for GEG 3800
- Request from Biological Sciences to add a course to the Environmental Studies Option Electives

### **IV. Proposals**

#### **13-24 New Course PLS 2503 Legal Research and Argument (3-0-3) F, FA14**

Dr. Somayajulu moved and Dr. Hickman seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Swenson presented the proposal and she and Dr. Wandling replied to questions from the committee. The proposal was approved unanimously with minor edits.

#### **13-25 Revision of Political Science with International Studies Option Major, effective Fall 2014**

Dr. Somayajulu moved and Dr. Konkle seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Wandling presented the proposal and replied to questions from the committee. The proposal was approved unanimously.

**13-26 Revision of Political Science Major, effective Fall 2014**

Dr. New Freeland moved and Dr. Somayajulu seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Wandling presented the proposal and replied to questions from the committee. The proposal was approved unanimously.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM on the motion of Dr. Hickman and the second of Dr. New Freeland.**  
Amy Lynch, Recorder

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**NEXT MEETING**

**2 PM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013**

**BLAIR HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 3108**