

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, April 9, 2010

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Present: Dr. Adom, Dr. Allan, Dr. Anderson, Ms. Calvert, Dr. Davis, Dr. Holly, Dr. Pakey, Dr. Slough, Dr. Yan and Dean Hanner

Visitors: Mukti Upadhyay, Patrick Enstrom, Steve Mullin, Chris Laingen, John Stimac, Rebecca Throneburg, Katie Johnson, Michael Cornebise, and Diane Burns

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

I. Minutes

The minutes from March 12, 2010 were approved unanimously on the motion of Dr. Pakey and the second of Dr. Allan.

II. Communications

College of Arts and Humanities 3-24-10, 4-7-10

III. Executive Actions

The following items were approved by executive action:

Request from Economics to revise the prerequisites for ECN 4689.

Request from Biological Sciences to revise the prerequisites for BIO 3624.

IV. Proposals

10-10 Proposal to Revise the Mission Statement of the Master of Arts in Economics, Effective Immediately
Dr. Pakey moved and Dr. Yan seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Upadhyay presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously.

10-11 New Course Proposal – ESC 1500G Intro to Physical Geography (3-2-4) F,S

Dr. Allan moved and Dr. Pakey seconded the motion to approve the proposal which had been slightly modified from the proposal originally circulated. The course is no longer to be cross listed with GEG but will have only the ESC prefix. Dr. Laingen presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously with minor edits.

10-12 New Course Proposal – GEL 2100 Geology of Energy Resources (3-0-3) S

Ms. Calvert moved and Dr. Slough seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Burns presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously.

10-13 New Course Proposal – GEL 3090 Vertebrate Paleoenvironments (3-0-3) S

Dr. Holly moved and Dr. Pakey seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Johnson presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously with a minor edit.

10-14 New Course Proposal – GEL 3115 Introduction to Paleoclimate (3-2-4) F

Dr. Pakey moved and Dr. Allan seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Johnson presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously with a minor edit.

10-15 Proposal to Revise the BS in Geology, Effective Fall 2010

Dr. Allan moved and Dr. Pakey seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Stimac presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously.

10-16 Proposal to Revise the BS in Geography, Effective Fall 2011

Dr. Adom moved and Dr. Pakey seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Dr. Davis presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Dean Hanner joined the meeting during the discussion of the previous proposal.

10-17 New Course Proposal – BIO 3003G Introduction to Evolution, F,S,Su

Dr. Pakey moved and Dr. Slough seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Enstrom presented the proposal and responded to questions from committee members. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Dr. Holly left the meeting at this point.

IV. Other Business

A. The committee reviewed a draft letter to the CAA Integrative Learning Subcommittee on how COSCC plans to promote integrative learning in its review of curriculum. The committee discussed revisions suggested by Dean Hanner. Dr. Davis will edit the document to take into account her suggestions and the suggestions of Dr. Allan that he received by e-mail and forward the final document to Dr. Grant Sterling who is chairing the CAA subcommittee that requested the information.

B. Presentation by CASL (Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning) of COS assessment data. Dr. Thornburg and Dr. Cornebise from CASL came to present the assessment data for the College of Sciences. They hope to do this yearly to help the committee see the trends. Dr. Thornburg answered questions from the committee and discussed possible alternatives to the current mechanisms for gathering assessment data.

Near the end of the discussion, Dr. Adom and Dr. Pakey left to teach classes.

C. Dr. Davis explained to the committee that he would miss the next and final COSCC meeting of the semester. He thanked the committee members for their good work during the semester and reminded everyone that one of the last items of business this semester is the election of the new vice-chair for COSCC. Current vice-chair Zhiqing Yan will be chair of the committee next year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM on the motion of Ms. Calvert and second of Dr. Allan.

Amy Lynch, Recorder

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