

COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM
18 March 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Siddharth Chatterjee, Doug Daley, Kelley Donaghy, John Hassett, Scott Shannon (for President Murphy), Chris Whipps, Benette Whitmore

Others in Attendance: Eddie Bevilacqua, Paul Crovella, Russell Briggs, Mary Chandler, Sue Sanford, Suzette Vandeburg

Call to Order/Welcome

Hassett

The meeting began the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Approval of March 4, 2013 Minutes

Hassett

The minutes were approved with a minor revision of the prefix for EST 203/204. The prefix for both should be FOR 203/204.

Proposals

All

- BEE Minor Curriculum Proposal - Biophysical and Ecological Economics

Interdisciplinary minor. There is a misunderstanding of what BEE is. There is a clash of economics- classical vs. new. This is an emerging field, J. Wagner noted. The narrative shows a fundamental misunderstanding of economics and its relationship to environment, natural resource economics, and the concept of optimal resources, positive vs. normative economics, etc. Academic freedom ought to rule.

J. Hassett noted C. Hall is listed as the number one faculty under the participating faculty; however, he is retiring in May. J. Hassett has a problem approving a program without adequate faculty. This will need approval by the Provost. CoC tabled the decision as EST 430 does not currently exist. EST 430/630 needs to be approved as well. CoC sent back to GPES for revisions.

- EWP 350 - Eco-Cinema: Perspectives & Practices (Honors) – Includes a two hour film screening, which is analogous to text book reading. It does satisfy the general education arts requirement, but a form needs to be filled out and sent to SUNY Central to officially add it. S. Shannon will send B. Whitmore the form to complete. Since this course is catered to the honors program, how can it be an arts general education? It was commented, general education courses don't have to be available to all students. CoC approved unanimously, and CoC also approved as satisfying arts general education requirement, pending official edition with SUNY Central.

- FCH 898 - Professional Experience/Synthesis - B. Whitmore made suggestions on wording. T. Dibble made the changes as suggested. For students in chemistry in the MPS degree and writing a final synthesis project. Should be treated as an 898 course. Strike “summer” offering. CoC approved unanimously.
- FOR 332 - Forest Ecology – There was a typo in the number of lab hours per week. It should be one hour and not three. CoC approved unanimously.
- FOR 532 - Forest Ecology – Vague prerequisites for graduate level class. Though, a higher level of learning is demonstrated from 332. Use same phrasing from 332 on the pre-requisite information. Seems like a 5 credit class. Discussion is not credit bearing. It is equivalent to recitation section. Three hours of lab equals one hour of discussion. Offering a recitation is a way to bring an undergraduate class to a graduate-level class. D. Daley moves to accept as it stands. S. Shannon 2nd. CoC approves with one opposition.

Forest Resources Management -

- Curriculum Changes Summary – Make APM 103 an option for APM 104. Change chemistry requirement to the one semester chemistry class, and change physics to a one semester physics class. Also strike the general education for other world civilizations and the arts. Add a footnote in the catalog description for FCH 110/111: students seeking higher level chemistry should not take FCH 110/111. The proposal for EWP 220 is listed for 2 credits, however, it is a 3 credit course and the proposal should reflect that. The total curriculum credits should be 125 credits. CoC approved unanimously with the change in EWP 220 from 2 to 3 credits.
- AAS Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation Curriculum Proposal – These are curriculum adjustments for shuffling classes around, merging classes, creating new classes These include updating/renaming FCH 208. J. Hassett raised a question regarding credit hour load from 21 to 23 credits in the fall. The addition of two credits from 75 to 77 credits for the degree is in recognition that the students are doing the extra work. Courses are more modular in nature. No real structural problems noted. If changing FTC 210, note that the old course (FTC 223) is being dropped. CoC approved unanimously.

Dropping FTC 223 - Water Measurements from the catalog- approved unanimously by CoC

- Forest Technology Curriculum Proposal - revising classes, switching classes around. Need to update title in catalog description. CoC approves unanimously.
- FTC 259 - Land Surveying Technology - CoC approved unanimously.
- FTC 204 - Introduction to Natural Resources Measurements –Health & Safety need to be added. Course description seemed to focus more on water quality. Learning Outcome #7 is very vague - need to narrow it more. Major concepts and methodology are more about

quantity and not quality. Revisions are necessary. It was suggested that CoC approve subject to committee and department agreeing on course description changes. Move to pass provisionally with revisions being acceptable by the reviewers. CoC approved unanimously.

- FTC 205 - Computer Aided Drafting and Design 1 - Spell out GIS in catalog description. CoC passes with minor revisions. E. Bevilacqua to send changes to D. Daley, J. Hassett, and S. Vandeburg.
- FTC 207 - Communications and Safety – no revisions necessary. CoC approves unanimously.
- FTC 209 - Timber Harvesting – Moving from spring to fall semester. Course history should reflect that. Catalog Description reads “students learn basic harvesting methods with northeast emphasis.” J. Hassett suggested wording changed to “northeast United States.” Passes with minor revision to catalog description.
- Dropping FTC 215. CoC approves unanimously. (Actually changing it to FTC 210.)
- FTC 210 - Wildlife Techniques – CoC approves unanimously.
- FTC 212 - Adirondack Cultural Ecology – moving from fall to spring semester. CoC approves unanimously.
- FTC 214 - Leadership and Organizational Performance – CoC approves unanimously.
- FTC 224 - Field Applications – Assessment question arose. How do you assess to give a grade when going out in the field? It should go under methodologies. CoC approves unanimously with minor revision to methodologies.
- FTC 259 - Computer Aided Drafting and Design II – Course was originally 4 credits. Now split into two 2 credit course. Prerequisite FTC 202 is being added. Spell out GIS in catalog description. CoC approves unanimously with minor change.
- FTC 208 - Remote Sensing and GIS – Spell out GIS. CoC approves unanimously with GIS spelled out in catalog description.
- Construction Management Curriculum Proposal – Modify curriculum to make acceptable for ACE. Changes include changing chemistry requirement from FCH 150/151 to FCH 110/110, adding new courses, removing others, and changing total credits required for the degree to 128.

As a side bar, S. Sanford discussed the SUNY transfer resolution. The minimum number of credits required for a bachelor’s degree is 120 credits, and SUNY is putting a maximum cap at 126 credits. The maximum number of credits for an AS degree would

be 66. There are possible opportunities for over the max credit appeals. The resolution is also trying to get more students to graduate in 4 years. If we lose an appeal to go over the maximum, any programs over 126 credits will need to be changed back to 126.

Moving from two semesters to one semester of calculus was discussed and students don't need both semesters. The department decided one semester was sufficient.

CIA 337 taught at Syracuse. The students need to be prepared to take the course here. The new program has even less preparation to go into these courses. Getting a letter from Syracuse in support of CIA 337 would help. There was discussion of changing to one semester of calculus and one semester of physics. After several minutes of discussion, J. Hassett suggested P. Crovella take this back to the department for revisions. CoC tabled the curriculum proposal and courses pending revisions.

- The use of EWP 220 – B. Whitmore discussed creating another course – EWP 222, which will be brought forth at a future meeting.
- CME 151 - Introduction to Financial Accounting (change from 3 credits instead of 4) CoC moved to retract for now based on proposal being tabled.
- CME 252 - Introduction to Managerial Accounting – CoC moved to retract for now based on proposal being tabled.
- CME 202 - Introduction to Professional Communications. read like a lab. – Table for now.
- CME 497 - Senior Ethics Seminar. CoC moved to retract for now based on proposal being tabled.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 15, 2013, 3:30-5:00