



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Committee on Curriculum

Minutes for January 18, 2018 Meeting

314 Bray Hall, 11:00 am

Voting members present: Anagnost (for Liu), Teece, Hoffman, McGee (for Schulz), Wagner, Shannon (for Wheeler), Owens, Tao, Stavenhagen

Guests and others present: Gilbert, Minard, Spuches, Tochelli, Diemont

- 1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am
- 2) **Approval of minutes from November 14, 2017.** The minutes were approved unanimously
- 3) **Announcements**
 - i. Proposals posted for CoC and faculty review
 - Bioprocess Engineering (MPS, MS, PhD) - new from existing. No discussion. **Yea-9 Nay-0 Abstain- 0**
 - Biomaterials Engineering (MS, PhD)-new from existing. No discussion. **Yea-9 Nay-0 Abstain- 0**
 - Paper Science and Engineering (MPS, MS, PhD)-new from existing
 - Why does the PhD have 74 credits where the rest of the programs have 60 credits? If there is a valid reason for the difference it can move forward as is. If not, we want to adjust the program down to 60, but send it to SUNY with a conditional approval that states we want to drop the credit from current level to 60. "Previous version was 74 but we no longer feel that it is appropriate" **Tabled until February meeting.**
 - Sustainable Engineering Management (MPS)-new from existing. No discussion. **Yea-9 Nay-0 Abstain- 0**
 - Minor in Environmental Policy and Communication- Friendly amendment from "In general, courses should not be double-counted for both the minor and option" to "No more than 6 credits may be double counted towards the minor and major". There was concern over EFB 305 being included due to enrollment caps. The hope is that students who are already taking that course will be able to apply it to the minor. **Yea-9 Nay-0 Abstain- 0**
 - EFB 518- Systems Ecology: Ecological Modeling and Design- major revision Student Learning Outcomes- what is the landscape design element? Friendly amendment to "drawing from the disciplines of landscape architecture, ecological engineering and ecosystem restoration." Typo in instructional methods- among, please correct. **Yea-9 Nay-0 Abstain- 0**
 - ERE 897- Professional Experience- new
 - ERE 697- Intro Eng Proj Mgmt- new
 - ERE 698- Principles & Practices of Eng. Project Mgmt- new
 - ERE 699- Eng Planning & Design- new
 - All 4 should be rejected for further review, editing and approval by the whole department. **Yea-8 Nay-0 Abstain- 1**
 - ii. Proposals submitted for CoC completeness review

Wood Science (MPS, MS, PhD)-new from existing- does David's word still carry?

The following RMS courses are being sent back, as they have not been voted on by department.

RMS 132- Introduction to Renewable Materials Science I-

RMS 133- Introduction to RMS II- new

RMS 200- Renewable Materials and Composites from Lignocellulosics- new

RMS 322- Wood Machining- major revision

RMS 335- Transport Properties of Materials

RMS 465- Renewable Materials and Surfaces

RMS 468- Product Design: Timber or Paper

RMS 481- Capstone Project/Senior Thesis

iii. Administrative Approvals (with approval date)

Biochem Professional Electives – revised (1/17/18)

Biochem Curriculum Plan Sheet- revised (1/17/18)

4) Updates from the Dean (Shannon)

College grading policy- There are several language issues as a result of a rushed deadline. There are not always distinguishing differences between undergraduate/graduate grading. Grievance process is also not fully formed. More to follow (hopefully) at our February meeting.

5) Old Business

None

6) New Business

John Wagner- We should think about making a proposal/resolution that shows we are opposed to the events that occurred on "Black Wednesday" and its negative impacts of the efficiency of our committee. In discussion it was said that this has an effect on curriculum and course proposals not only because it distracts from our focus as a committee, but the departments whose chairs were deposed will now have decisions made by the outgoing chair that may no longer have support or that the new chair (once appointed) will not be up to speed with. It slows the entire curriculum/course approval process. Discussion will be continued at a later time. Scott Shannon defers to the committee on whether or not this will come as a formal resolution.

Erin Tochelli- Forms are being updated, any suggestions for improvements are welcome.

7) Continuing Business

Shared resource courses (Teece)- Please have a department representative send comments to curriculum@esf.edu by February 11, 2018. Erin will send out comments to the group as they come in.

Next meeting is:

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Adjourned. 12:17 PM

Curriculum proposals are due by February 1!