



State University of New York College of
Environmental Science and Forestry
Committee on Curriculum

Agenda for February 2, 2021 Meeting
11:00 am

Voting members present: Eddie Bevilacqua, Robin Hoffman, Silje Kristiansen, Ruth Owens, Kim Schulz, Scott Shannon, Wendong Tao, Fran Webster

Non-voting members present: Monica Blaisdell, Dan Collins, Casey Duffy, Tondelaya George, Doug Johnston, Deepak Kumar, Elizabeth Minard, David Sonnenfeld, Erin Tochelli, Mary Triano, Lawrence Zicari

1. Call to Order (Bevilacqua) 11:02 AM
Introductions to our newly appointed USA rep, Lawrence Zicari.
2. Announcements (Bevilacqua)
 - a. Approval of minutes 12/8/2020- approved by ascension.
 - b. Proposals submitted for CoC completeness review:
Curriculum Proposal Environmental Health (minor revision)
Public Health minor (new)
Advanced Certificate in Visual Resources (new)
 - c. Proposals posted for comment:
EST 204 Diversity and Knowledge of the Environment (new)
Certificate in Environmental Justice and Inequality (new)
MPS in Environmental Leadership, Justice & Communication (new)
EST 615- Environmental Justice: Policy, Tools & Society (minor revision)
EST 616- Global Perspectives on Environmental Justice (new)
 - d. Administrative Approvals:
Curriculum Proposal BS Environmental Science, option courses (12/14/2020)
Curriculum Proposal BS Environmental Science, Senior Synthesis (12/14/2020)
Curriculum Proposal BS Forest Resource Management, new course (12/9/2020)
 - e. Updates from Dean Shannon- no updates at this time.
3. Action Items
 - a. Curriculum Proposal Graduate Certificate- Env. Decision Making (minor revision)- Updated course listings and some minor copy edit. Eddie asked about the restriction to only having matriculated students in the program (ESF or SU) no one outside of the campus. David shared that this is targeted primarily at SU students ESF can do it as well, but have to be matriculated students to participate, yes. This has been around for a while and just needed some housekeeping course updates. **Approved 8-0-0**
 - b. Curriculum Proposal MPS in Environmental Studies (minor revision)- Removing prerequisites, removing one of the required courses (no longer taught), increasing the number of thematic courses, updating course listings. Eddie has a question on the number range of credits (30-33) because of the possibility of taking a practicum. Do many people

- take that course? Or should it just be a minimum of 30 for the degree? Historically this has been a popular option, so there is not motivation to make a change to that at this time. Last time this program came to CoC there was a modification to the synthesis to allow for a group practicum option which students are doing more now. In future it may grow. Editorial comment: In listing for website, research and technical methods is not highlighted in the same way (with a heading), which may help students for clarity. David has an updated version that includes this that he will send to CoC. **Approved 8-0-0**
- c. Course Proposal BPE 380 Bioprocess Simulations (new)- Course which talks about process simulations. Throughout their academic programs, students learn about operations and this course provides them a way to demonstrate how that works in a simulated computer process. Comments: Check spelling throughout. Some specifics issues noted, 2.2 operations misspelled twice. Tsome-> some. Add none or N/a to current blank areas (e.g 2.1 & 2.4). 3.3 the SLO language change “should” to “will”. Catalog description does not include language on the lab component. Wendong had a question on the language in the title, would modeling be better than simulation? Deepak responded that he based the language on other campuses title language and the way the actual work that is being done. Department can decide if they want to change that language. **Approved 8-0-0** (pending minor edits)
 - d. Course Proposal SUS 355 Con. Bio and Landscape Ecology (new)- SLOs add the line: “Upon completion of this course students will be able to” There was a question on whether the Con bio EFB program students would be allowed to take this class. Refer to department letter: no they cannot. Being offered every other year, based on demand. Scheduling will be based on student needs (other factors like enrollment growth and student demand). **Approved 8-0-0** (pending minor edits)
 - e. Course Proposal SUS 365 Sustainability and Behavior Change (new) no discussion (same comment to add SLO statement) **Approved 8-0-0** (pending minor edit)
 - f. Course Proposal SUS 375 Environmental Economics (new) (add SLO statement)- Question about whether the class is already taught at ESF. Whether it is or not, this is being offered as an online only option for students in the SUS program. There was a question on the lack of a defined prerequisite of intro to economics. SUS students have that as a program prerequisite, but it should be defined for the course as well because Open SUNY students may also take advantage of this offering. **Approved 8-0-0** (pending minor edits)
4. Old Business
 5. New Business

Kim: asked about the Phytoremediation courses that never went through the CoC review process when they were submitted 5 years ago. Requested that proposals be reviewed for any major issues that may have been present in those before resubmitting new proposals. Erin will respond with comments.

Eddie also mentioned that there were EFB Admin Approvals pending last semester, but had not officially been submitted. Kim will check with department on their status.

Adjourned at 11:58

Reminder: **Course proposal deadline March 1, 2021**

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021