

CURRICULUM REVIEW COUNCIL

August 10, 2010
Room 203 Russell Hall, 3:15 P.M.

MINUTES

Called to order: 3:15 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:42 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Lisa Abney, Chair
Ms. Abbie Landry
Mr. John G. Williams
Dr. Bill Dickens
Dr. Norann Planchock (for Dr. Pamela Simmons)
Ms. Debbie Moore (for Dr. Laura Aaron)
Dr. Lynn Woods
Dr. Sharon Joy
Dr. Kimberly W. McAlister

Guest Present:

Dr. Kathryn Kelly
Dr. Pat Pierson

I. Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

- A. Make the following course changes:
- HMT 3150 – change prerequisite
 - HMT 4260 – change prerequisite
- B. Add the following new course for undergraduate credit:
- HMT 3130 – Study Tour Preparation (1-1-0)

Action: All items approved without opposition.

II. Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences

- A. Add the following new course for graduate credit:
- PHYS 5500 – Radiation Technology for Health Sciences (3-3-0)

Action: Removed from consideration. Item was tabled by the Graduate Council to allow for additional discussion between the colleges concerned per the request of Dean Norann Planchock. Item may be re-presented to the CRC if approved by the Graduate Council at a later date.

III. Department of Psychology

- A. Add the following new course for graduate credit:
- PSYC 5950 – Psychological Research (3-0-0)

Action: Approved without opposition.

IV. Dean, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research; Vice Provost

- A. Make the following changes to the previously approved University Core Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees to be effective Fall, 2011:
- Delete CHEM 1080/CHEM 1091 as an option under the Natural Sciences component.
 - Delete GEOG 1020 and GEOG 2020 as options under the Social Sciences component.
- B. Revise the University Core Requirements for the Associate of Arts and Associate (non-designated), and the Associate of Science degrees to consist of the course options required in the baccalaureate degree core. (To be effective Fall, 2011.)
- C. Allow courses with the following prefixes to meet social science elective requirements in any curriculum:
- CJ (Criminal Justice)
 - SOWK (Social Work)
 - UPSA (Unified Public Safety Administration)
 - PSYC (Psychology)
 - AS (Addiction Studies)
- D. Delete the following discontinued courses from the database:
- ALOC 0410
 - ALOC 0420
 - ALOC 0430
 - ALOC 0610
 - ALOC 0620
 - ALOC 0630
 - ALOC 0810
 - ALOC 0820
 - ALOC 0830
 - ALOC 0890

Action: All items approved without opposition.

Discussion:

Following the consideration of the above proposals, the council discussed the user-friendliness of the Curriculum Review Council proposal forms. Dr. Mike Cundall proposed the development of online forms where the information could be keyed in and submitted online or the use of fillable pdf forms. Barbara Prescott, coordinator for the CRC, stated this has been a project on the Registrar's Office to-do-list but limited personnel and resources have prevented accomplishing this goal. The majority of the council confirmed this as a desirable goal. Dr. Lisa Abney indicated she would talk with Phil Gillis, Information Systems, concerning the development of the online forms.

Dr. Bill Dickens requested clarification on a statement Dr. Abney had made earlier in the meeting. He asked if he understood her to say that there are curriculums on campus that require more than 120 hours for the degree but that only 120 could be counted toward graduation. Dr. Abney explained what she had meant by her

statement was that there will be students who, due to major changes, etc., would graduate with more than 120 hours but that only the 120 hours required for the degree would be counted toward the degree. Dr. Dickens stated that his concern is with the students that may want to go to medical school – want to take all the courses required for admission to the Health Sciences Center, and may have 136 – 140 earned hours. He asked if we could list this in a degree program with 138 hours. Dr. Abney responded this could not be done. Dr. Dickens asked how we could account for the additional hours they would have to take to be eligible. Following a brief discussion, in which several council members participated; Dr. Abney stated students who choose to complete the pre-med curriculum would take any extra hours required in addition to the hours required for their degree. Dr. Abney went on to tell the council she would discuss this with Dr. O’Hara (ULS, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs) since med school is a good example of a degree program that would require higher hours but is not accredited. Dr. Lynn Woods offered as an example, the Family and Consumers Sciences programs in which they allot 18 hours for a minor, knowing that most minors require 21 hours and their students will have to take 21 hours to accomplish a required minor. Dr. Kimberly McAlister stated they would have to add the hours to the programs. Dr. Woods responded that they could not because they do not have the space for it. Dr. McAlister added that if the students could graduate without a minor most would chose to take the extra class to complete the minor. Dr. Cundall asserted they could not state that a minor is required and give students a 120 hour program yet require them to do 123 hours. He went on to ask why the state decided on 120 hour curriculums. Dr. Abney responded that nationwide there is a push to move degree programs downward and 120 hours was determined as the magic number. She went on to tell the council when this was first discussed she told Brad O’Hara 120 hours does not work for all degree programs. She stated she gave him an example in which a degree program may have a 5 hour course which will result in a 121 hour degree program and explained to him that an hour could not just be hacked off of something in the curriculum since there were very few 1 hour required courses. Dr. Cundall stated he was just curious as to why the decision was made for 15 hours a semester over 4 years. He went on to state that it was possible to get it done in that length of time. Dr. Abney asserted that it was but was not probable in our particular set of students. She added that was why we have a six year cohort rate. She went on to state that she would also discuss the issue of minors and majors with Dr. O’Hara as this will be an issue in a lot of majors that require a minor and yet if required it will push the total hours. Dr. Woods pointed out that they allow the student to choose the minor but that there are only about two 18 hour minors available. She went on to state if a student chooses to minor in a minor requiring more than 18 hours it is their choice but the department only allows, within the confines of the degree programs, for 18 hours. Dr. Abney stated that since there are two minors that are 18 hours the program requirements are safe and if a student chooses to pursue a minor that has more hours that is the student’s choice. Dr. Cundall commented that this wasn’t giving them real choices. Dr. Abney responded they had two choices.

Dr. Bill Dickens moved to adjourn the meeting.

Lillie S. Bell
Ms. Lillie Frazier Bell, University Registrar

8/31/10

Date

Lisa Abney
Dr. Lisa Abney, Chair, Provost, and Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs

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Date

Randall J. Webb
Dr. Randall J. Webb, President

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