

University Courses and Curricula Committee – December 9th, 2015

Talley Student Union 4140

Call to Order: 12:32 PM

Members Present: Chair, Scott Despain, Alton Banks, David Auerbach, Andy Nowel, Catherine Driscoll, Peter Hessling, David Tarpay, Shweta Trivedi, Kathleen Rieder, Betty Black, Peggy Dominique, Elizabeth Fath, Debbie Currie, Amanda Beller, Mian Wu, and Jamie Plummer

Ex-Officio Members Present: Barbara Kirby, Rebecca Swanson, Charles Clift, Kasey Harris, Sarah Howard, and Li Marcus

Guests: Dr. Mike Mullen, Jodi Khater, Tommy Holden, Autumn Mist Belk, John Harrington, and Lindsey Mihalov

Welcome and Introductions

- **Remark from Chair Dr. Scott Despain**
- **Remarks from Associate Vice Provost, Dr. Barbara Kirby**
- **Remarks from Vice Chancellor and Dean, Dr. Mike Mullen**
- **Approval of UCCC November 4th, 2015 Minutes**
 - Approved Unanimously

Old Business:

- **SMT 301 *Chemistry of Sustainable Materials* – Approved Pending**
Discussion: Met with Dave Tilotta, professor of course. Approved pending the removal of statement which says most students do not have the skills to work in a lab at this level, which Tilotta sees as reasonable.
- **Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering MEMO: Approved Unanimously**
Discussion: Students tried to register but memo hadn't been signed off on so students were in limbo. R&R has been asked to act upon the memo.
- **Review of Consent Agenda**
Approved Unanimously
 - Chair Scott Despain noted the few items missing from HSS, and alerted members that these items would be provided before being officially approved.

New Business:

- **Course and Curricular Business**
- **16 FLLARAB *Arabic Language and Culture* Approved Unanimously**
Discussion: Jodi Khater presented the course. Members noted that the courses needed for this new concentration have already been created and that HSS has done a good job with developing this, as it provides a program home for the courses taught and helps students seeking jobs in this field.
- **24 DANM *Dance Minor* Approved Unanimously**
Discussion: Members complimented course and approved unanimously without further discussion.
- **HS 410 *Community Food Systems* Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Members gave the friendly suggestion that CALS make this a Service Learning course, as it would appeal to a broad range of students. A memo may be submitted to revise it at a later date.

- HS *Sustainable Food Production* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Members suggest CALS discuss making this a Service Learning course, as it would appeal to a broad range of students, change “PowerPoint” in the catalog description to “presentation, and create a grading rubric.

- NTR 320 *Nutrition Education* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Course was presented and members discussed the upcoming reorganization of CALS.

- PB 400 *Plant Diversity & Evolution* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Course was presented, and approved unanimously without further discussion.

- Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems *Appendix A* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Members presented and discussed that Appendix A, a request for authorization of planning a new degree program, would be frontrunner in our region. Several members voiced their excitement for the opportunities this major would provide for students, such as jobs and internships.

- *English Minors* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Course was presented, and approved unanimously without further discussion.

- 16 SPNSH *Spanish Concentration* **Approved Pending**

Discussion: No curriculum or eight semester display. Approved pending Li Marcus can ensure there are no issues with the 8 semester display.

- 16 PSYCHBA *Psychology B.A* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Course was presented, and approved unanimously without further discussion.

- 15 WSCIM *Wildlife Sciences Minor* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Course was presented, and approved unanimously without further discussion.

- MUS 133 *British Brass Band* **Approved Unanimously**

Discussion: Members suggest rubric for class, concerning disruptive behavior and performance-based grading.

Course Leaf issues: Li has been messaging Course Leaf and was told the three biggest issues were resolved yesterday. Please let her know if there are any more issues, so that Li can mention them in her Course Leaf calls. Going to visit with grad school, HSS, and CL about revising topic list format.

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Howard