**University Courses and Curricula Committee** October 19th, 2016

Talley Student Union 4140

Call to Order: 12:45 pm

**Members Present:** Chair Andy Nowel, Alton Banks, Amanda Beller, Scott Despain, Catherine Driscoll, Scott Ferguson, Helmut Hergeth, Peter Hessling, Marta Klesath, Edwin Lindsay, David Tarpy, Shweta Trivedi (remotely), Mian Wu, Elizabeth Fath, Andreas Orphanides, Kathleen Rieder, Greg Young, Daniel Harper  
**Members Absent**: Steven Peretti, Richard Podurgal, Michael Robinson

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Li Marcus, Lexi Hergeth, Barbara Kirby Charles Clift, Melissa Williford, and Kevin Burge

**Guests**: Kenneth Esbenshade, Jane Lubischer, Genia Sklute

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Remarks from Chair***—* Chair Andy Nowel

* Dr. Kirby announced the task force has become official for GEP requirements, discussing the US Diversity category.
* **Approval of the Minutes from October 5th 2016** – *Approved Unanimously*
  + Discussion: Member Alton Banks moved to approve. The past minutes were presented and approved without further discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **MB 360 Scientific Inquiry in Microbiology: At the Bench**- *Approved Unanimously*  
  *Returning to UCCC after being Tabled during the Sept. 7, 2016 meeting.*   
  Discussion: Member Marta Klesath presented the course and the changes from the previous meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Consent Agenda***—Approved Unanimously (pulled ST 307 for discussion, also Approved)*

Discussion: Member Scott Despain moved to approve. ST 307 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. The rest of the consent agenda was presented and approved. Student senate member discussed the lack of rigor in the statistics course ST 350 and wanted to address, Chair explained the changes to the curricula in PCOM will have an effect on ST 350, making it a more rigorous course. No further discussion, revisions to ST 307 approved unanimously.

* **Agribusiness Management (4 Year curriculum)** – *Approved Unanimously*   
  Discussion: Presented by Member David Tarpy. Member asked about the prerequisites (Accounting 200), members verified the changes in ACC 200 and ACC 210 will affect multiple curricula and will be a minor change later. Members discussed replacing some of the courses to insure the subject matter is covered. Approved Unanimously
* **Undergrad Certificate in Swine Science** – *Approved Unanimously*   
  Discussion: Certificate was presented by Shweta Trivedi. Dr. Kirby discussed the need for an assessment plan.
* **ANT 252 Cultural Anthropology**-  *Approved Unanimously*  
  Discussion: Member Catherine Driscoll presented. No further discussion.
* **ANT 253 Unearthing the Past: Intro to World Archaeology** – *Approved Unanimously*Discussion: Member Scott Despain presented the course. No further Discussion.
* **PS 303 Race in US Politics** –*Member Catherine Driscoll opposed, All other members voted to Table course*  
  Discussion: Member Catherine Driscoll presented the course. Member made a friendly suggestion to look in look into the breakdown of topics and how the topics are broken into blocks. Members discuss the need for evidence of 16 weeks, the need for a grading scale in the syllabus. Members discussed the content of the course and the possibility of expanding perspective of race to more than just the African American experience. Member Marta Klesath motioned to table the course. Members also brought attention to the wording in the student learning outcomes regarding evaluating. Members would like clarification on the grading scale, and that the weight of the assignments should be outlined. Member discussed that because the course is distance education the information may not be required. Chair made a comment that the course was not expecting to go though the approval process in UCCC. Dr. Kirby also addressed that CUE is becoming more involved and will send back courses needing to be reviewed. Member noted that this is an excessive amount of paperwork for faculty. Dr. Kirby explained that this would not be the case because the course should have the correct information in the syllabus. Members discussed if the committee should discuss content and the colleges responsibility to review the content.
* **PS 306 Gender and Politics in the United States** –*Approved Pending*   
  Discussion: Member Scott Despain presented the course. Member asked if the link to grades and grade point average is sufficient, members verified that the links would not substitute for a grading scale.
* **CSC 455(555) Social Computing** – *Approved Pending*  
  Discussion: Member Scott Ferguson presented the course. Presenter made a friendly suggestion for the electronic hosting statement and a missing grading scale. Members suggested clarifying distinctions between graduate and undergraduate level. Kevin Burge suggested the requisites should be classified before the statement.
* **GN 451 Genome Science** – *Approved Unanimously*  
  Discussion: Member Marta Klesath presented the course. No further discussion.
* **GN 496 Genetics Research Experience** *and* **GN 497 Genetics Teaching Experience** – *Approved Pending complete catalog description*   
  Discussion: Member Alton Banks presented the course. Member pointed out that part of the description is cut off. Members discussed how taking both of the courses would give the students different experiences so as not to repeat. Member asked if this course would be offered online, guest Jane Lubischer explained that depending on the individual contract, some online counseling could be a part of the experience.
* **CH 100 Chemistry and Society** – *Approved Pending*  
  Discussion: Member Mart Klesath presented the course. Member discussed the lecture and lab component and the distance education portion. Member asked what would be online, presenter explained that in the past the lab has been online and in person. Presenter explained the lecture and laboratory schedule. Members discussed that the content would be the same for different sections, even if some sections offer some online meetings and some are all in person. Dr. Kirby asked how a DELTA student would have issue with in person lab, presenter explained that the syllabus was prepared for face to face sessions, but there is an online lab. Discussed how to display the lecture and lab virtual/ online experience. Members suggested to upload an online version of the syllabus. Member asked if the committee is now asking for an online syllabus, Dr. Kirby discussed that it may require a separate syllabus if the lab component is online. Members suggested making a statement in the syllabus instead of adding an additional syllabus.
* **MEA 215 Introduction to Atmospheric Sciences** – *Approved Unanimously*   
  Discussion: Member Alton Banks presented the course. Member addressed that the calendar only shows 14 or so weeks. The syllabus. Guest Jane Lubischer pointed out that 16 weeks includes Spring break and finals week, some of the instructors will not include the break in the course content. Guest pointed out that there are 16 rows representing the 16 weeks. Committee concluded that the schedule for the course it good.
* **HON 312 Outbreak** – *Approved Unanimously*  
  Discussion: Member Amada Beller presented the course. No further discussion.

**Discussion**:

Syllabus Availability Subcommittee will meet at the close of UCCC.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Lexi Hergeth*