

**Minutes of Graduate Curriculum Committee
December 8th, 2005
206 Sandy Hall, 2:00 PM**

Members Present: Toni Stroter, Marvin Foushee, Harry Robertshaw, Tony Colaianne, Slimane Adjerid, Bradley Klein, Brian Mihalik, Joyce Rothschild

Absent with notification: Tarun Sen

Absent without notification: Matthew Eick

Invited guests: Tim Mack

A. Introductions/announcements – Brian Mihalik

B. Presentation on College of Agriculture and Life Science new degree proposal – Tim Mack

Discussion – how are exams/grades handled? Honor code? There is an honor code signature that is required, keeps with the University's honor code. There are also random calls to the proctor – it is not a perfect system but as good or better as in-class honor code.

A Faculty Directory was provided by Dr. Mack which gave the GCC an excellent list of the academic qualifications of the program's proposed faculty.

How many students will be in the program to start? There are none right now but a lot who will transfer from another program when degree is set-up.

How do you make up for no face-to-face time w/ students? Program for instructors to learn to write in the vernacular which uses voice recognition to turn into written speech.

How do you determine student satisfaction? Professor evaluations, popularity of courses/degree. Same as with regular class.

Discussion on internet speed/ramifications for students.

C. New business items

Approved items

CSES 5864 Advanced Wetland Soils and Mitigation

CSES 5874 Reclamation of Disturbed Lands

Approved with minor changes

AAEC 5034 Agribusiness Marketing Policy and Business Strategies

-add graduate standing to description and prereqs.

-add label for required text

-language for justification needs to be strengthened

AAEC 5174 International Agricultural Development and Trade

-add graduate standing to description and prereqs.

-add number of pages on required text

-Page 2 of course proposal: replace text: ...Master's level and will "be familiar with" with "build upon" microeconomic and macroeconomic...

AEE 5114 Serving International Agriculture and Education

- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- change effective date to SP 2008

ALS 5214 Information Systems in Life Sciences

- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- change title on cover page, add “and research”
- check box on cover sheet for new course

BSE 5404 Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution

- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- add required to texts
- site specific examples under texts and special teaching aids: electronic handouts and materials
- insert effective semester and year

CSES 5114 Soils for Professionals

- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- add required/recommended under texts
- need stronger justification for graduate credit

CSES 5604 Environmental Science Concepts for Professionals

- specify level of chemistry, biology and economics prereqs
- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- add required to texts
- page 2, paragraph 2, insert “Students will be expected to use, understand and build on scientific terms...”. Next sentence, “In addition, students will be expected to read and comprehend a variety of advanced materials...”

ENT 5234 Managing Arthropod Pests

- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- clarify biology prereqs
- need stronger justification for graduate credit
- newer version of recommended text

ENT/PPWS 5624 Animal and Plant Biosafety and Biosecurity

- add cross-listing (APSC) instead of ALS
- justification is redundant – add sentences: “This course builds on a strong undergraduate science knowledge base and an advanced understanding of topics in APSC 5044. The prerequisite class (APSC 5044) is justification for this graduate class.”

FST 5044 Global Food Laws and Regulations

- change ADP title to correct length (30, not 32 characters); remove “and” and replace with “&”
- add graduate standing to description in prereqs
- re-label Text as Required, Optional, add ltr C
- need stronger justification for graduate credit

Tabled items

APSC/PPWS 5044 Biotechnology in Agriculture and Society

- add graduate standing to description and prereqs
- add Required/Recommended to text section
- language for justification needs to be strengthened
- prereqs need to be more specific – what types of biology and chemistry classes?
- site examples for textbooks online; delete items C and D

FST 5034 Good Agricultural and Manufacturing Practices

- rewrite learning objectives (are subject matter now, rather than learning objectives)
- add graduate standing to description in prereqs
- add Required to Text
- add justification for graduate credit - need stronger justification for graduate credit

-remove “and” from title of class

Disapproved

none

Adjourned at 4:00 PM