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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of February 03, 2016 meeting

Members Present Diane Andrews, Deborah Breiter, Charles Kelliher, Claire Knox, Elsie Olan, Jennifer Sandoval, Terrie Sypolt, John Weishampel

Recorder Debra Winter

Guests Present Pedro Quintana-Ascencio, Jay Corzine, John Walker, Neil Duncan, Danae Barulich, Qiyu Sun, Roger Handberg, Sheau-Dong Lang, Scott Branting, Teresa Dorman, Terry Thaxton

Staff Members Michele Pozdoll, Veronica Bodden

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Welcome and call to order. Dr. Deborah Breiter Terry, chair, welcomed the committee and guests. A quorum was established. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Material & Supply Fees tabled at the November 18, 2015 meeting are still pending.

Addition of three split-level ANT/ANG courses in Anthropology, COS. Drs. John Walker, Neil Duncan, and Scott Branting from Anthropology reviewed the request for three split-level courses. These split-level additions received unanimous approval.

Revisions to the Computer Forensics Graduate Certificate, COS. Dr. Sheau-Dong Lang summarized the changes to the certificate, including decreasing total credit hours required from 15 to 12, removing the Elective, and adding a substitution note in the Required Courses. In addition, the program wants to suspend the Out of State Cohort track since UCF Continuing Education is not offering it at this time. These changes received unanimous approval.

Name change for the Graduate Certificate in Mathematics and revisions to the Electives, COS. Dr. Qiyu Sun stated that the name change to "Graduate Certificate in Mathematical Science" was needed because most students in the program need to teach a variety of courses in mathematical science. In addition, the program changed the Electives to allow students to take up to two elective courses from the Statistics Department. These changes received unanimous approval.

Revisions to the Forensic Science concentration in the Elective Courses for the PhD in Chemistry, COS. Dr. Teresa Dorman described the revisions in the electives in the Chemistry PhD. These changes received unanimous approval.

Revisions to the PhD in Clinical Psychology, COS. Dr. Teresa Dorman explained that the material covered in CLP 6191 is also covered in other core courses in the doctoral program, so the decision was made to delete this redundant course and add an Elective (3 credit hours), which will allow students to take a course relevant to their special interests. These changes received unanimous approval.

Name changes for the Applied Conservation Biology track and the Ecology and Organismal Biology track in the PhD in Conservation Biology, COS. Dr. Pedro Quintana-Ascencio described the name changes: Applied Conservation Biology track to Conservation Biology track; Ecology and Organismal Biology track to Integrative Biology track. He explained that these names better reflect the current curriculum and new developments in the field, and would be more attractive to new students. These changes received unanimous approval.

Revisions to the PhD in Sociology, COS. Dr. Jay Corzine explained that the proposed curriculum changes focus on strengthening theory, adding two Geographic Information System (GIS) courses in the Research Methods list, and merging the current three exams into one exam that is more comprehensive and structured. The program made these changes to update the requirements and make them more consistent with other doctoral programs in sociology. These changes received unanimous approval.

Courses and special topics. To review a list of approved courses, please see the attached course minutes. Dr. Weishampel gave an update to the committee regarding ESI 6938, which was previously tabled; Dr. Dorman will check to see if the course should be withdrawn. The LIT 6039, LIT 6076, and LIT 6097 courses that were previously tabled were approved with one opposed. The HIM 6464C course that was previously tabled was withdrawn per department request.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17.

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Course approved. This is a SPLIT CLASS.

ANG 5XXX **COS-ANTHRO** **3(3,0)**

Paleoethnobotany: PR: Admission to Anthropology MA program or Consent of Instructor. Knowledge and understanding of paleoethnobotany sufficient to understand, interpret, and evaluate plant data in archaeological, paleoecological, and contemporary research. *Odd Spring.*

Abbrev: (16 of 30 chars) Paleoethnobotany

Discussion with others: Please see attached email with approval from Biology. Rationale:

Provides students with the ability to understand and apply anthropological perspectives when studying how people of the past interacted with plants. We may have a few graduate students that enter our Anthropology MA program that need this class for their area of thesis research.

CPO 6XXX **COS-POLS** **3(3,0)**

Issues in Latin American Politics: PR: Graduate standing or C.I. Examines and evaluates major issues in Latin American politics employing political science theories and methodologies. *Occasional.*

Abbrev: (30 of 30 chars) Issues Latin American Politics

Discussion with others: We contacted the History department, which approved the course (see attached email).

Rationale: To add an elective in an area of core interest to the PhD in Security Studies, MA in Political Science, and Certificate in Intelligence and National Security.

INR 6XXX **COS-POLS** **3(3,0)**

Strategic Warning Analysis: PR: Graduate standing or C.I. Explores the question of strategic warning within the context of national security with focus upon principles of analysis using examples. *Occasional.*

Abbrev: (26 of 30 chars) Strategic Warning Analysis

Discussion with others: We contacted Legal Studies; they support the course (see attached email communication).

Rationale: To add an elective in an area of core interest to the PhD in Security Studies, MA in Political Science, and Certificate in Intelligence and National Security.

Course approved. In title, change "Special" to "Current."

SYP 6XXX **COS-SOC** **3(3,0)**

Special Topics in Crime and Deviance: PR: Graduate standing or C.I. Seminar involving an in-depth examination of special topics relating to crime and deviance. *Occasional.*

Abbrev: (29 of 30 chars) Special Topics in Crime & Dev

Repeat For Credit: True Max Times: 3

Discussion with others: Consulted w/Criminal Justice Dept. Correspondence attached.

Rationale: This is a new course that will rotate topics in crime & deviance, one of the four areas of concentration in the graduate programs in Sociology. Topics may be repeated, but not within a 3-year period.

2. Special Topics Additions

College of Engineering and Computer Science Special Topics Additions

Tabled at April 20, 2015 meeting. Further discussion needed with Statistics Department. Dr. Weishampel met with Statistics, IEMS and Computer Science regarding an MOU. Still in progress. Dr. Weishampel gave update to committee.

ESI 6938

ECS-IEMS

3(3,0)

Optimization and Data Mining: PR: ESI 5306 or ESI 6418. Optimization modeling is widely used in operations research for a variety of applications such as scheduling, resource allocation, planning of facilities etc. In this course we will demonstrate another use of optimization, that of analyzing data. Basic optimization theory and popular data analysis algorithms from an optimization point of view. *Occasional*.

Abbrev: (23 of 30 chars) DM Apps of Optimization

Discussion with others: Comments were requested from Computer Science ("CS has no objections to this course" email from Dr. Gary Leavens, 3/30/2015 8:47 am) and Statistics.

3. Course Revisions

College of Arts and Humanities Course Revisions

Course approved, with 1 opposed. Delete the phrase "only when course content is different" per graduate program. Tabled 1/20/2016. Committee questioned Max Times: 2 revision, requested CAH report how they track the differences in courses when a student takes it twice and also asked for the policy to be checked regarding this question.

LIT 6039

Studies in Contemporary Poetry

3(3,0)

PR: Graduate standing in MFA Creative Writing program or C.I.

English language poetry from 1945 to the present. Emphasis on American poets, but others such as English or Australian will be included. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 2 times only when course content is different.

Repeat For Credit: ~~No~~ Yes Max Times: 4 2

Discussion with others: None.

Rationale: MFA CW faculty voted unanimously to make this course repeatable so that students will read more works by contemporary authors.

Majors taking course: Creative Writing MFA students

Course approved, with 1 opposed. Delete the phrase "only when course content is different" per graduate program. Tabled 1/20/2016. Committee questioned Max Times: 2 revision, requested CAH report how they track the differences in courses when a student takes it twice and also asked for the policy to be checked regarding this question.

LIT 6076

Studies in Contemporary Nonfiction

3(3,0)

PR: Admission to the Creative Writing MFA Program or C.I. based on submission of manuscript. Comprehensive study of nonfiction, including memoir, personal essay, literary journalism, and/or

nature writing, with special emphasis on craft. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 2 times only when course content is different.

Term Offered: ~~Odd Fall~~ Occasional

Repeat For Credit: ~~No~~ Yes Max Times: ~~4~~ 2

Discussion with others: None.

Rationale: MFA CW faculty voted unanimously to make this course repeatable so that students will read more works by contemporary authors.

Majors taking course: Creative Writing MFA students.

Course approved, with 1 opposed. Delete the phrase “only when course content is different” per graduate program. Tabled 1/20/2016. Committee questioned Max Times: 2 revision, requested CAH report how they track the differences in courses when a student takes it twice and also asked for the policy to be checked regarding this question.

LIT 6097 Studies in Contemporary Fiction 3(3,0)

PR: Graduate standing in MFA in Creative Writing program or C.I.

Fiction in the last 20 years in the United States and Britain. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 2 times only when course content is different.

Repeat For Credit: ~~No~~ Yes Max Times: ~~4~~ 2

Discussion with others: None.

Rationale: MFA CW faculty voted unanimously to make this course repeatable so that students will read more works by contemporary authors.

Majors taking course: Creative Writing MFA students.

College of Engineering and Computer Science Course Revisions

Course approved pending approval of the lab fee. Additional information requested regarding the lab coat, lab glasses and the list of dissection tools. Email sent to Dr. Kassab, 12/1/2015; reminder sent to Drs. Guo and Kassab, 1/28/2016.

~~EML 5587C~~ Mechanics of Biostructures I 3(2,3)

~~BME 5587C~~

PR: Graduate standing or C.I.

Part I of a two semester course. Mechanical analysis of hard (~~bone~~) and soft (~~organs, connective tissues, etc.~~) biostructures tissues and the analysis includes preparation prosection lab on human anatomy and experimental testing for constitutive equations for predictive modeling-physiology. Term Offered: ~~Occasional~~ Fall

Rationale: This course is Part I of a two semester course that is a core requirement for all students in biomedical engineering and will serve as the educational foundation for all future bme classes.

Majors taking course: MS in Biomedical Engineering

Course approved pending approval of the lab fee. Additional information requested regarding the lab coat, lab glasses and the list of dissection tools. Email sent to Dr. Kassab, 12/1/2015; reminder sent to Drs. Guo and Kassab, 1/28/2016.

~~EML 5588C~~ Mechanics of Biostructures II 3(2,3)

~~BME 5588C~~ 3(2,2)

PR: ~~EML 5587C.~~ BME 5587C or C.I.

