

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

2:00 P.M., January 30, 2009
MCL 501, Denton with Parkland and Houston videoconference

Members Present

Johnnie Aven
Kyle Biggerstaff
Megan Britt
Linda Caldwell

Jeffrey Casebolt
Brian Harding
Vicky Imrhan
Rosemarie Jaekel

Roger Shipley
Anne Simpson
Anne Young

Ex-officio and Guests

Lynn Akin
Judith Bean
Rose Bush
Heather Conrad-Webb

Heather Davis
Mark Kessler
Larry LeFlore
Jennifer Martin

Rhonda McClellan
Karen Petty
Jerry Whitworth

The University Curriculum Committee convened in MCL 501 at 2:01 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009, with 11 members and eleven ex-officio members and guests present.

The November 21, 2008 minutes were considered.

Motion to approve: Megan Britt

2nd to motion: Roger Shipley

Vote: Motion carried approving the minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Biology

Addition:

BIOL 5014 Advanced Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

Motion to approve the new Biology course: Kyle Biggerstaff;

2nd to the motion: Roger Shipley.

Kyle Biggerstaff discussed the course, noting this was a resubmission from the November 21, 2008 meeting. He mentioned that on the course inventory form, #9 should read PhD. Jeff Casebolt questioned the course fee amount. Guest, Heather Conrad-Webb, Associate Professor in Biology, explained that this course will require sophisticated computer software.

Vote: Motion carried to approve the BIOL 5014.

Addition:

BIOL 6843 Health Care Genetics

Motion to approve the new Biology course: Kyle Biggerstaff;
2nd to the motion: Anne Simpson.

Kyle Biggerstaff discussed the course, noting that this was also a resubmission from the November 21, 2008 meeting. He mentioned that on the course inventory form #17 should read "DNP", not "DPN." Vicky Imrhan asked why this course was exclusively for DNP students, as it might be of interest to Nutrition students, as well. Guest Heather Conrad-Webb remarked that it could be opened to other master's students if there is room in the course.

Vote: Motion carried to approve BIOL 6843.

Department of History & Government

Addition:

HIST 4403 Religion in an Atlantic World, 1450-1776

Motion to approve HIST 4403: Linda Caldwell;
2nd to the motion: Brian Harding.

Linda Caldwell introduced the course for discussion. Kyle Biggerstaff mentioned he had questioned the potential overlap of this course's content with Psychology & Philosophy, but after discussion with Brian Harding, the Undergraduate Philosophy Coordinator, it was decided that the content is more appropriate for History than for Philosophy. Vicky Imrhan asked if there was a prerequisite. Guest, Mark Kessler, Chair of History & Government, noted that there is no prerequisite. Linda Caldwell suggested the course might be good for consideration as a Global Perspectives course. Kyle Biggerstaff noted that the course must first be approved by the Curriculum Committee and can then be submitted by the department to the Undergraduate Council for such approval. Jennifer Martin noted that this Committee does not want to approve courses developed for a faculty member's expertise. Guest Mark Kessler noted that this course has been offered as a special topics and that there is only one other course in the inventory on colonial history.

Vote: Motion carried to approve HIST 4403.

Addition:

HIST 4413 The American Revolution

Motion to approve HIST 4413: Linda Caldwell;
2nd to the motion: Roger Shipley.

Linda Caldwell introduced the course for discussion. Judith Bean remarked on the strength of the learning outcomes.

Vote: Motion carried to approve HIST 4413.

Department of Visual Arts

Addition:

ART 4553 Experience Europe – Art History Studies Abroad

Motion to approve ART 4553: Linda Caldwell
2nd to the motion: Roger Shipley.

Linda Caldwell introduced the course for discussion. Judith Bean mentioned these two courses have been offered as special topics for years and were brought to the Committee under her recommendation. Jennifer Martin questioned the “two-part” language in the course description; how many SCH? Judith Bean noted that the course is offered in May and June. There was general discussion as to the course structure. It was decided that the course should be offered as two new courses. Jennifer Martin mentioned the course description is not appropriate: global perspectives and humanities references should be removed. Due to the large number of changes requested, the Committee discussed reviewing the revised course proposals prior to a vote. Kyle Biggerstaff noted that an email quorum will be needed to carry the vote.

Motion to send ART 4553 back to the department for revisions, upon receipt of which a vote would be made via email by the Committee: Megan Britt;
2nd to the motion: Linda Caldwell.

Vote: Motion carried to send ART 4553 back to the department for revisions, upon receipt of which a vote would be made via email by the Committee.

Addition:

ART 5553 Experience Europe – Art History Studies Abroad

Motion to send ART 5553 back to the department for revisions, upon receipt of which a vote would be made via email by the Committee: Brian Harding;
2nd to the motion: Megan Britt.

Jennifer Martin noted that on the inventory form, #9 needs to be level 5 because the Art department does not offer a PhD. Brian Harding suggested that for both sets of new courses, the first course number be a pre-requisite of the second course number, so that students can't take the travel course without taking the lecture series preceding travel.

Vote: Motion carried to send ART 5553 back to the department for revisions, upon receipt of which a vote would be made via email by the Committee.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences

Addition:

NFS 5853 Nutritional Care Applications

Motion to approve NFS 5853: Vicky Imrhan;
2nd to the motion: Roger Shipley.

Vicky Imrhan introduced the course for discussion. Kyle Biggerstaff noted the existing title: NFS 5343 Advanced Nutrition Care. He questioned the difference between the existing course and this proposed course. Guest, Rose Bush, Associate Clinical Professor in Nutrition & Food Sciences (Houston), explained that the proposed course discusses

different topics: the Nutrition Care Process Model; the existing course looks at current research. Kyle Biggerstaff asked about the course description of the existing course. What is the difference between “application” and “therapy?” Vicky Imrhan noted that the current course covers diet therapy and how to assess. The proposed course is a new method of writing a Nutrition care plan using standardized language. However, Vicky Imrhan questioned the SCH of the course, suggesting it is more appropriate for a one hour course. Jennifer Martin asked how the concepts for the proposed course are taught in Denton. Vicky Imrhan answered in NFS 5813 Internship. Further discussion between Guest Rose Bush, Jennifer Martin and Kyle Biggerstaff revealed that the same content seems to be offered in two different classes. Rose Bush explained that the two internships are organized differently on the two campuses. Jennifer Martin noted that organization is different from course content; this needs to be resolved somehow.

Vote: Motion denied to approve NFS 5853.

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Department of Family Sciences

Addition:

FS 2523 Safety, Nutrition and Health for the Young Child

Motion to approve FS 2523: Anne Simpson;
2nd to the motion: Vicky Imrhan.

Anne Simpson discussed the proposed course. Guest, Karen Petty, Associate Professor in Family Sciences, explained that there is a state course, TECA 1318, that almost all community colleges offer for Child Development students. There is no TWU equivalent to this course in Family Sciences. The course is transferred in as a Kinesiology course and then has to be adjusted to an NFS course. Additionally, the department feels that it should offer this course at TWU. Kyle Biggerstaff asked who in Family Sciences is qualified to teach fitness or nutrition. Guest Karen Petty noted that at the community colleges, this course is taught by Child Development faculty. TWU employs faculty who have taught this course at community colleges which should answer the question of expertise. Roger Shipley noted that HS 3373 Health Promotion for Children has similar content though it is no longer offered. Vicky Imrhan asked why the course doesn't transfer as NFS 2343. Karen Petty mentioned she would prefer if the course would transfer as NFS 2343, but the course has been tagged for Kinesiology in articulation agreements and won't transfer as NFS. Brian Harding asked if the course will be offered at TWU. Karen Petty says the content is needed and will be on Child Development degree plans. Kyle Biggerstaff asked if the proposed title is the state title. Judith Bean suggested that the department use the state description and course title. Karen Petty agreed to this change. Kyle Biggerstaff asked for the justification of the \$28 course fee. Karen Petty explained this is similar to other FS course fees; the department maintains a resource room of videos and hands-on materials for students' use. Judith Bean warned against picking a number and using it for all course fees. Departments should consider what fees are leftover at the end of the year. Kyle Biggerstaff noted that #9 on the course inventory form should be 2. Judith Bean questioned a 1000-level TECA credit being taught as a 2000-level course because of current TWU transcribing policy. Jennifer Martin noted that Child Development is extremely interdisciplinary in order to teach about young children and their needs, though this expertise is not in-depth. Kyle Biggerstaff suggested the course description be revised to include “interdisciplinary.”

Vote: Motion carried to approve revised NFS 2523.

Department of Teacher Education

Addition:

EDUC 5143 Effective Design and Management of the Classroom Environment (EC-12)

Motion to approve EDUC 5143: Anne Simpson;
2nd to the motion: Roger Shipley.

Anne Simpson introduced the course for discussion. Guest, Jerry Whitworth, Professor and Associate Dean of Professional Education, noted this course will replace EDUC 5142 (to be deleted). This is similar content but the course needs to be a three-hour course based on feedback from graduates. This is currently the only two-hour pedagogy class, and the content has grown. The similar undergraduate course is three hours. Jeff Casebolt asked if #6 on the course inventory should be “and” or “or.” Jerry Whitworth answered “and.” Jennifer Martin asked if the courses could be taken as co-requisites instead. Jerry Whitworth said special permission would be required. Jennifer Martin asked for clarification of this for sequencing purposes.

Vote: Motion carried to approve EDUC 5143.

School of Library and Information Studies

Addition:

LS 5833 Information Ethics

Motion to approve LS 5833: Anne Simpson;
2nd to the motion: Roger Shipley.

Anne Simpson introduced the course for discussion. Jeff Casebolt asked if the pre-requisites were all required. Guest, Lynn Akin, Associate Professor of Library Sciences, answered that all three should be pre-requisites. Jennifer Martin asked if doctoral students would take the course; if so, should be coded as level 6.

With no further business, Chair Kyle Biggerstaff adjourned the meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.