

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

2:00 P.M., October 29, 2010
MCL 308, Denton with Houston and Parkland videoconference

Members Present

Lynn Akin
Gina Anderson
Johnnie Aven
Kyle Biggerstaff

Brian Harding
Phyllis Mercer
Jeff Robb
Clarice Robinson

Claire Sahlin
Donna Scott-Tilley
Roger Shipley
Anne Young

Ex-officio and Guests

Judith Bean
Sandra Cesario
Doug Coyle
Heather Davis
Jennifer da Rosa
Don Edwards

Carissa Enright
Gay James
Rich Jones
Mark Kessler
Cynthia Maguire
Jennifer Martin

Lynda Murphy
Laura Rocchio
Donna Sauls
Richard Sheardy
Anne Stiles

The University Curriculum Committee convened in MCL 308 at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2010, with 12 members and 17 ex-officio members and guests present.

The September 24, 2010 minutes were considered.

Motion to approve: Jeff Robb

2nd to motion: Kris Reed

Vote: Motion carried approving the minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Chemistry & Physics

Modification:

SCI 1114 Sustainable Physical Science

Additions:

SCI 3013 Community Conversation in Sustainability
SCI 3033 Water in a Changing Environment
SCI 3133 Climate Change: A Human Perspective
SCI 4923 Building Sustainable Communities

Deletions:

SCI 2133

Motion to approve the Science courses: Gina Anderson;

2nd to the motion Kyle Biggerstaff.

A brief discussion followed in which Donna Scott-Tilley requested adjustment of verbs in two of the student learning outcomes for SCI 1114. Brian Harding asked if this course was a standard science course or specialized. Guest, Richard Sheardy, chair of Chemistry & Physics replied that this is a core science course for non-science majors. It was determined that the title change should not be confusing to students as the course will be noted as core in Web Advisor and it will be the only title offered with this course content. Judith Bean asked if the TCCNS equivalency will remain the same for SCI 1114. Richard Sheardy confirmed that it would.

Vote: Motion carried to approve SCI 1114; however, immediately thereafter, Don Edwards, guest, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science and Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, expressed concern over the lack of signatures on the course proposals. In response, Dr. Sheardy withdrew all of the science proposals, pending signatures from the Dean.

Department of History & Government

Additions:

HIST 4363 Slavery in the Americas
HIST 4373 History of Haiti

Deletions:

HIST 2093
HIST 4953

Motion to approve the additions: Jeff Robb;
2nd to the motion: Kyle Biggerstaff.

Jeff Robb discussed the need for the courses, as outlined in the memo to the committee. He added that two history courses will be deleted which were not provided to members prior to the meeting: HIST 2093 and 4953. Donna Scott-Tilley asked that the redundancies of “student will be able to” be removed from the learning outcomes and that the phrase “learn how” be changed to “describe.” Robb agreed to these changes.

Vote: Motion carried to approve all HIST courses.

Department of Sociology & Social Work

Addition:

SOCI 4603 Sociology of Disasters

Deletion:

SOCI 4313

Motion to approve addition of SOCI 4603: Brian Harding;
2nd to the motion: Jeff Robb.

Brian Harding discussed the reason for addition as provided on the memo to the committee. Lynn Akin asked for the title of the deleted course. Judith Bean referenced the catalog and provided the title, "Correctional Counseling."

Vote: motion carried to approve SOCI 4603.

Department of Women's Studies

Addition:

WS 3023 U.S. Women of Colors

Motion to approve addition WS 3023: Claire Sahlin;
2nd to the motion: Kris Reed.

Claire Sahlin explained that the addition of the course would enhance the options in the core area of Multicultural Women's Studies; this course was approved by the Undergraduate Council for that core area on October 25, 2010.

Vote: motion carried to approve WS 3023.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Health Studies

Addition:

HS 5703 Applied Statistics for Health Educators

Deletion:

HS 5033

Motion to approve addition of HS 5703: Roger Shipley;
2nd to the motion: Phyllis Mercer.

Kyle Biggerstaff asked how different this course will be from other graduate-level applied statistics courses. Guest, Gay James, chair of Health Studies, explained that this course provides content specifically for health educators towards their credential process; she spoke to chairs of all of the graduate programs with applied statistics courses and 4 of the 5 did not have a concern with the addition of this course. Don Edwards spoke to the proliferation of departmental statistics courses, though he expressed no objection to the addition of this course, in particular. Short discussion followed of a possible title change though no better title arose from the conversation. Dr. James noted this is a statistics course, not a methods course, so that limits the flexibility in title. Jeff Robb questioned the ability of Health Studies students to get statistics elsewhere. Dr. James responded that Family Sciences once offered statistics for their majors, but that course is now only offered every other semester. Lynn Akin asked if the deleted course material is covered elsewhere: Dr. James confirmed that it is. Donna Scott-Tilley provided anecdotal support for the course as a non-math major who struggled with graduate-level math statistics. To

provide further support for the course, Dr. James mentioned that it has been taught three times a special topics and that enrollment has ranged between 14 and 24 students. Brian Harding questioned the deleted course: he thought courses not taught in three years were automatically deleted. Judith Bean clarified that the Coordinating Board will remove courses if they are not offered for three years but that there is no such automation at the university-level. Anne Young questioned the course level, which is marked as six, for a master's level course. Judith Bean explained that the level determines formula funding, which follows the student, not the course. Thus if a PhD student were to enroll in this course, then the university would receive doctoral funding for that student and master's funding for the other students in the course.

Vote: Motion carried to approve the HS proposal.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Additions:

NURS 3762 The Nursing Implications of Altered Human Sexuality
NURS 4512 Palliative Care Nursing
NURS 6124 Role Differentiation: Practice to Research
NURS 6183 Theory Analysis and Evaluation in Nursing

Deletion:

NURS 5803

Motion to approve NURS 3762 and 4512: Anne Young;
2nd to the motion: Kyle Biggerstaff.

Claire Sahlin requested that the word "normal" be removed from the catalog description as this is considered by many to be a term of judgment. Jennifer Martin recommended removing the whole first part of the description. Guest, Carissa Enright, Dallas Nursing Faculty, agreed to make the changes. Gina Anderson further recommended removing the word "normal" from the student learning outcomes.

Vote: Motion carried to approve both Nursing courses with changes.

Motion to approve NURS 6124 and 6183: Donna Scott-Tilley;
2nd to the motion: Gina Anderson.

Donna Scott-Tilley explained that NURS 6124 is an important course to bridge a new program to an existing program. With regard to NURS 6183, she explained that students in the nursing doctoral program need this course. Guest, Anne Stiles, Associate Dean of Nursing, noted that this is a resubmission of a course proposal that was not approved last year. She revised the proposal based on the committee's feedback. Brian Harding approved of the changes.

Vote: Motion carried to approve both Nursing courses with changes.

With no further business, Chair, Roger Shipley, adjourned the meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.