# Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee April 22, 2008

Elaine Turner convened the UCC at 1:30 p.m. in 226 Tigert Hall.

**Members Present**: Elaine Turner, Acting Chair, Cammy Abernathy, Thomasenia Adams, Kelli McCormack Brown, Peggy Carr, Paul Davenport, Sheila Dickison, Sidney Dobrin, Ken Gerhardt, Selman Hershfield, Linda Childers Hon, Sarah Martin, Andrew McCollough, Michael McKenzie, James McLeskey, Eileen Oliver, Robert Primosch, Steve Pritz, Kyle Rarey, Edward Schaefer, Jim Thompson

Guests: Roxanne Barnett, Mackenzie Ezell, Jillian Peters, Les Thiele

- 1. Approval of minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.
- **2. Update from Faculty Senate meeting.** The Senate approved the Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and the Built Environment which was previously approved by the UCC.
- 3. Proposed minor in Sustainability Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective with the 2008-09 academic year.

Dr. Thiel, Mackenzie Ezell and Jillian Peters proposed this new minor developed by a joint student-faculty committee. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this minor, there is the potential that it could be managed through a different college at some point in the future. The minor was approved.

- 4. Proposal to require ENC 3254 as the technical elective for all engineering programs in lieu of ENC 2210, effective with the 2008-2009 academic year. Dr. Abernathy explained that this change is the result of a recommendation by the college's accrediting body. They have consulted with the writing program to develop college specific content and ensure enough capacity. The change was approved.
- **5.** Proposal to increase the number of hours required for the electrical engineering degree from 126 to 131, effective with the 2008-09 academic year.

  Dr. Abernathy explained that this change is also the result of a recommendation by the college's accrediting body and will require subsequent approval of the Board of Governors. Lots of discussion ensued regarding the advisability of this increased requirement. The change was approved.
- 6. Proposal to discontinue the undergraduate BSBA major in insurance, effective 2002.

Dr. McCollough explained that this was a clean up effort by the college as there have been no students or faculty in this program since 2002. The proposal was approved.

7. Discussion of the posting of transfer equivalencies on the student transcript.

Roxanne Barnett led a discussion about transfer equivalencies for courses transferred to UF from out of state schools. There once was a procedure whereby the

departments were regularly sent lists and asked to provide the equivalencies, but this was discontinued in 1996 at the request of the departments, who found the workload overwhelming. The College of Business Administration has continued to provide equivalencies for their courses and finds it very successful. The consensus of the group was that the topic warrants discussion between each college and their departments prior to any sort of recommendation. Roxanne will work with Steve Pritz to draft a summary of the history of this procedure, and forward it to Dr. Wubah for his consideration and potential distribution to the committee.

## 8. Discussion of academic calendars.

Steve Pritz led a discussion about the academic calendars and the history related to the placement of spring break. The Academic Policy Council has requested the break be scheduled after the 9<sup>th</sup> week of the term. Many of the member of the UCC argue that it is better academically to schedule break after the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the term, both for student well being and to accommodate the schedule of modular courses. There are other committee members who feel strong that UF and the Alachua County public schools spring break should coincide. This has not been possible for any number of reasons over the years. A motion was made to continue to pursue moving the spring break to begin after the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the term. The motion was approved, with several dissenting votes from member who prefer to recommend that the issue of aligning the UF and public schools be readdressed.

## 9. Items from Graduate School (information only).

None presented

## 10. New/changed undergraduate courses.

All approved with the exception of MEL 4xxx, which was tabled as no college representative was present to answer committee member questions.

## 11. New/changed professional courses.

None presented.

## 12. Notice of proposed new/changed graduate courses (information only).

**13.** The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.