Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee November 27, 2007

Daniel Wubah convened the UCC at 1:30 P.M. in 226 Tigert Hall.

Members Present: Daniel Wubah, Chair, Cammy Abernathy, Thomasenia Adams, James Bailey, David Bloomquist, Kelli McCormack Brown, Peggy Carr, Paul Davenport, Sheila Dickison, Sidney Dobrin, Ken Gerhardt, Selman Hershfield, Lacey Logsdon, Raj Machhar, Albert Matheny, Andy McCollough, Michael McKenzie, James McLeskey, Karen Miles, Steve Pritz, Sandra Russo, Edward Schaefer, Elaine Turner. **Guests**: Joanne Foss.

Note – Item 3 was modified on 1/24/08 to change effective date of change from 2012 to 2008. Revision was sent to committee and no objections were raised.

- **1. Approval of minutes of the October 23, 2007 meeting**: The minutes were approved.
- 2. Dr. Wubah provided an update from the recent Faculty Senate meeting. All items forwarded by the UCC were approved and no new items were presented. Committee members were referred to the Faculty Senate website for additional University developments.
- **3.** Addition of professional communication requirement for all BSBA and BABA (College of Business Administration) candidates: Effective in the 2008 catalog year. Can fulfill requirement with GEB3213 or GEB3218. The addition was approved.
- **4. Demonstration of Graduate School Course tracking system:** Christine Schoaff, Director, Web Administration, demonstrated the current Graduate School Course tracking, as well as systems currently still in production to be used for Undergraduate and Professional course tracking.
- 5. Discontinuation of Entrepreneurship Minor and Real Estate Minor, effective Spring 2008: Dr. McCollough stated that the discontinuations result from budgetary reductions. Concerns that this would become a trend were raised. The discontinuation of both minors was approved.
- 6. Addition of SOS3022/3022L requirement for Wildlife Ecology specialization: Dr. Turner stated that SOS3022/3022L are currently approved electives. It is proposed that they become critical tracking requirements. The addition was approved.

- 7. Addition of SUR3641, adding ECO2013 as alternative to ECO 2023, adding AEB 3133 as alternative to MAN3025 and semester plan rearrangement of Geomatics: Dr. Turner proposed that in addition to the above changes AEE3033C and ENC2210 also become critical tracking courses. Changes were dictated by the Certification of Surveyors requirements. The proposed changes were approved.
- 8. Addition of a new track, Restoration Horticulture, for Landscape and Nursery Horticulture degree: Dr. Turner proposed track would have more of an emphasis on natural ecosystems and restoration rather than landscape and gardens, preservation rather than beautification. General education and tracking requirements remain the same as Landscape and Nursery Horticulture degree, but differences occur in the professional electives. The proposed new track was approved.
- **9.** Request to change degree name from Turfgrass Science to Golf and Sports Turf Management: The name of the degree was changed previously. To provide consistency with the degree, the name change was approved.
- 10. Request to change requirement of internship and adding requirement for new AEEXXX Communication and Leadership Development Capstone Experience course: Dr. Turner explained that internships were not consistently available so the Capstone course would become the requirement. If internships become available, they can be taken as an approved elective. The proposed change was approved.
- **11. Discontinuation of Extension Education specialization:** Dr. Turner explained that there are a very small number of students that graduate with this specialization. The Cooperative Extension Service prefers people have discipline training at the undergraduate level and extension education at the graduate level. The discontinuation was approved.
- 12. Request to change the required and elective courses in the Extension Education minor: Dr. Turner proposed that with the discontinuation of the specialization, the route to extension would focus more heavily on the minor and changes would be necessary. Proposed changes include removing the internship as a requirement and providing a set of approved elective courses rather than specific required courses in each area. This request was approved.
- **13. Proposed changes to Interior Design Undergraduate Curriculum:** Dr. Carr proposed that the change would eliminate IND4440 Furniture Design as a required course, though it would still be an approved elective, and add IND4940 Internship as a required course. The internship would be more appropriate since Furniture Design is not practiced by most graduates of the program. The proposed changes were approved.

14. Proposed changes to Recreation Programming Curriculum:

Dr. McCormack Brown proposed that the changes would reduce hours from 121 to 120 and replace six hours of required sport, fitness and dance courses with LEI3250 Intro to Outdoor Rec and Parks (3 credits) and LEI3335 Camp Counseling (2 credits). The changes also would increase cognate course credits by one hour and decrease elective course credits by one hour. The changes were approved.

- **15. Proposed changes to Fitness/Wellness Curriculum:** Dr. McCormack Brown proposed that the changes would add HSC2100 Personal Family Health as a required course because many students are already taking this course as an elective. The changes also would eliminate fitness/condition courses as a requirement. The credits would be replaced by general electives. The changes were approved.
- 16. Proposed changes to Sport Management Curriculum: Dr. McCormack Brown proposed this to change the courses that are used in Universal Tracking. SPC2600 Public Speaking would be removed from tracking and MAN3025 Principles of Management and FIN3403 Business Finance would be added to the courses tracked. This also would include increasing the number of Universal Tracking semesters to five. Concerns regarding how the tracking changes would affect the ability for students to get into the major were stated. Dr. McCormack Brown explained that this is already how they advise students, and they want to put it in writing. The proposal would also replace LEI4540 Management & Supervision of Facilities with SPM4XXX Sport Facility Design and Management. The new course would focus more on management of large scale sport venues rather than on hotel operations. The changes were approved.
- **17. Proposed changes to College of Nursing Critical Tracking Criteria:** Dr. Miles proposed that the changes would raise the GPA requirement by 0.1 for each of the four lower division semesters. Rationale based upon high demand for upper division placements and limited resources in the College of Nursing. Concerns were raised by committee members that increasing the GPA requirement would not necessarily limit the number of students to a reasonable number for admittance to the degree program. Committee members suggested that the College of Nursing look beyond GPA requirements to determine admittance into the Nursing major. A motion to table this proposal was approved.

18. Information only items from Graduate School: No action required

- Proposal to accept CISE certificate credits for graduate degrees was approved by the Graduate Council.
- **19. Notice of proposed new undergraduate courses**: A motion to accept all proposed new courses was approved.

20. Notice of proposed changes to undergraduate courses: Approved.

21. Notice of proposed changes to professional courses:

- From LAW6600 Income Taxation to LAW 6600 Taxation and Property Transactions: request withdrawn by the College of Law.
- VEM5377 Marine Mammal Medicine: Committee members expressed concerns that the content may be appropriate to create a new course rather than changing this course. Additional information was requested by the committee. A motion to table the proposal was approved.

22. Notice of proposed new graduate courses: Information item.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.