Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee December 16, 2008

Daniel Wubah convened the UCC at 1:31 p.m. in 226 Tigert Hall.

Members Present: Daniel Wubah, Chair, James McLeskey, Co-Chair, Cammy Abernathy, Peggy Carr, Tom Dana, Sheila Dickison, Ken Gerhardt, Stephanie Hanson, Albert Matheny, Andrew McCollough, Wayne McCormack, Michael McKenzie, Karen Miles, Eileen Oliver, Steve Pritz, Mark Rush, Edward Schaefer, Elaine Turner Guests: Roxanne Barnett, Frank Bracco, Patricia McGinn, Jim Mueller

1. Approval of minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting.

The minutes were approved as written.

2. Update from Faculty Senate meeting and on co-chair.

Dr Wubah and Dr McLeskey have met and emailed and will continue to work out a plan on how this new process will work. No members are aware of anything of significance to share from the most recent Faculty Senate meeting.

3. Proposed name change for Department of Pharmacy Practice to Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research, Fall 2009 term.

This change will bring the department more in line with others nationwide and more accurately reflect the current trends of the discipline. The name change was approved, and will be moved forward to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

4. Creation of an undergraduate honors program with the Department of History, effective Fall 2009.

After much discussion, it was determined that this proposal is a plan of study leading toward the senior thesis and that the word "program" (though included in the proposal from History) is a misnomer. Furthermore, the proposal does not present a change in curriculum, but is a restructuring of existing curriculum. Finally, it was noted that this proposal does not replace or have a relationship with the university wide Honor's Program. This was presented as an information item only, no approval is necessary.

5. Proposed elimination of minor in Applied and Professional Ethics, Department of Philosophy, effective Fall 2009.

A lack of student interest has led to the request to terminate this minor. Elimination of the minor was approved.

6. Proposed revision to major requirements for Philosophy, effective Fall 2009.

Budget cuts have required the department to adjust their course offerings, resulting in the need to revise the requirements for this major. The proposed revisions were approved.

7. Proposed minor in Public Leadership, effective Fall 2009.

There was much discussion regarding this proposal, including the role of a center in offering an academic credential such as this, the impact on other colleges which offer similar majors or minors and the appropriateness of the title as the curriculum appears to be more focused on public policy than leadership. This item was tabled for further clarification by the center and college involved.

8. Proposed change in degree requirements for Landscape Architecture, effective Fall 2009.

The proposed changes were approved.

9. Proposed change in degree requirements for Interior Design, effective Fall 2009. The proposed changes were approved.

10. Proposed Academic Learning Compacts for Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and the Built Environment, effective Fall 2009.

The proposed changes were approved.

11. Proposed Changes to Applied Physiology & Kinesiology Curriculums, effective Fall 2009.

The proposed changes were approved.

12. Proposed revision to Agricultural Operations Management curriculum, effective 2009-2010 academic year.

The proposed changes were approved.

13. Proposed update to Agricultural Law minor, effective 2009-2010 academic year.

This change is to bring the minor in line with recent changes made to the major. The proposed changes were approved.

14. Proposed update to Agricultural Education and Communications major, effective 2009-2010 academic year.

The proposed changes were approved.

15. Proposed elimination of Agricultural Information Technology minor, effective immediately.

The proposed changes were approved.

16. Items from Graduate School (information only).

- a. Name change from concentration in Decision and Information Science to Information Systems and Operations Management, effective Fall 2008.
- b. Name change from concentration in Clinical Investigation to Clinical and Translational Science, effective Fall 2009.
- c. Non-thesis master's degree in Animal Sciences, effective Spring 2009.

Reminders from Dr Wubah regarding the course review process:

ALL new courses submitted MUST include a full syllabus. A subcommittee of Dr Wubah, Dr McLesky, Dr Dickison and Dr Schaefer will meet, as discussed at the November meeting, to discuss a common format. This group will report back to the UCC in January or February.

Agenda items cannot be submitted through the approval system at this time. They should be sent in the form of a word or pdf document.

17. New/changed undergraduate courses.

ECO 2013 and ECO 2023 – a change in the credit of these two courses will have a major impact campus wide. UCC members from all colleges that are impacted should solicit feedback regarding the proposed changes, and be prepared to discuss this at the January 20 meeting.

All other new courses and course changes proposed were approved.

18. New/changed professional courses.

No professional courses.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.