Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee November 18, 2008

Daniel Wubah convened the UCC at 1:32 p.m. in 226 Tigert Hall.

Members Present: Daniel Wubah, Chair, Cammy Abernathy, Patrick Ayers, Kelli McCormack Brown, Peggy Carr, Tom Dana, Paul Davenport, Sheila Dickison, Tracy Flack, Ken Gerhardt, Stephanie Hanson, Selman Hershfield, Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Albert Matheny, Andrew McCollough, Wayne McCormack, Michael McKenzie, James McLeskey, Karen Miles, Eileen Oliver, Bill Page, Robert Primosch, Steve Pritz, Meredeth Rowe, Mark Rush, Edward Schaefer, Elaine Turner Guests: Roxanne Barnett, Frank Bracco, David Julian, Michael Miyamoto, Nicole

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1. Approval of minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting.

The minutes were approved as written, with the addition of Michael McKenzie as an attendee.

2. Update from Faculty Senate meeting.

The faculty have elected Dr McLeskey to represent them as the co-chair of this committee. He and Dr Wubah will meet over the next month to work out a plan on how this new process will work and share it at the next UCC meeting.

3. Discussion of the course review process.

It is necessary to develop a more efficient process for course approvals, as the committee is not able to review and address all proposals in the limited time available. Several options were discussed. The committee favored having an earlier due date for courses (two weeks prior to the meeting) to allow more time for individual review of the requests. This will become effective with the January 2009 meeting, when January 5 will be the deadline for courses to be considered at the January 20 meeting. A subcommittee of Drs Wuhah, McLeskey, Dickison and Schaefer will meet to create a draft of a syllabus template to be used with undergraduate and professional courses. They will make a report at the December meeting. It was also suggested that systems modifications to the approval site which would allow the sorting of UCC1 and UCC2 forms would be beneficial.

4. Proposal for an Arts in Healthcare certificate program, effective Spring 2009. This certificate will complement others already offered by the college. The new certificate was approved.

5. Changes to the Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management Academic Learning Compacts, effective Spring 2009.

This was presented as an information item only, no approval is necessary.

6. Proposed elimination of Biology Education degree track in the Entomology and Nematology department, effective Spring 2009.

The Pathways to Teaching program has replaced the need for this track, which currently had no students pursuing it. Elimination of the track was approved.

- 7. Proposed revisions to Minor in Leadership curriculum, effective Spring 2009. Overwhelming demand for this minor has impeded the department's ability to meet their student's needs. Restricting enrollment will allow them to better manage their resources and hopefully expand the minor in the future. Students currently in the track will all be allowed to continue to pursue it. The revisions were approved.
- 8. Proposed change in policy course requirements for Food and Resource Economics major, specializations in Food and Agribusiness Marketing and Management and International Food and Resource Economics, effective, Summer B 2009.

This update removes courses that are no longer being offered by the department, to more accurately reflect the major requirements. The changes were approved.

- 9. Department name change proposals, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective as soon as all approvals are granted.
 - a. Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies
 - b. Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
 - c. Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law
 - d. Department of Biology

These are the names of the departments that were consolidated by CLAS as a result of budgetary concerns. They have been approved by both the department faculty and the college. These changes were all approved by the UCC and will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for their review.

10. Items from Graduate School (information only).

No items to present.

11. New/changed undergraduate courses.

DIG 3XXXC – SENSORS AND ELECTRONICS-BASED ART: INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL COMPUTING - returned for college to consult with College of Engineering

ARH 4XXX - ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH IN ANCIENT CHINA – returned for addition of grading scale

ARH 4XXX - ASIAN MONUMENTS AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION – returned for addition of grading scale

All other new courses and course changes were approved and have been forwarded to SCNS for consideration.

12. New/changed professional courses.

Only one course, it was approved.

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

14. From the floor

Dr Wubah announced a state mandated change, which will be implemented effective spring 2009, allowing students up to 45 credit hours of accelerated mechanism (AP, IB, etc) work. Prior to this change, the limit was 30 credit hours.