

**Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee
April 21, 2009**

Bernard Mair convened the UCC at 1:32 p.m. in 226 Tigert Hall.

Members Present: Bernard Mair, Chair, James McLeskey , Co-Chair, Cammy Abernathy, Patrick Ayers, Kelli McCormack Brown, Peggy Carr, Tom Dana, Moses Divaker, Tracy Flack, Ken Gerhardt, Selman Hershfield, Albert Matheny, Andrew McCollough, Wayne McCormack, Michael McKenzie, Karen Miles, James Mueller, Robert Primosch, Steve Pritz, Meredith Rowe, Mark Rush, Edward Schaefer, Elaine Turner

Guests: Roxanne Barnett, David Hedge, Kimberly Martin

1. Approval of minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting.

The minutes were approved as written.

2. Update from Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr McCollough gave a report indicating that the process of having a faculty member co-chair for the UCC has worked well and been a positive addition this year. The academic calendar for the 2011-2012 year was presented for consideration and will be voted on at the next meeting. Dr Mair recommended that approval of further calendars be delayed pending a decision about the addition of a fall term holiday break for students.

3. Update on UCC course approval subcommittee.

Dr McCollough has summarized the feedback he received and shared it via email with the committee. The decision was made to table the proposal until the May 19 UCC meeting.

4. Proposed new minor in Information Systems and Operations Management in the College of Business Administration, effective Fall 2009.

This minor will take advantage of seat availability created by the decreased popularity of the major in this area. The new minor was approved.

5. Proposed minor in Public Leadership, effective Fall 2009. (Tabled at December 16, 2008 meeting).

Dr David Hedge was present to discuss concerns related to overlap with other department offerings. This minor will fall under the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for authority. The new minor was approved.

6. Proposed revision to Communication and Leadership Development undergraduate specialization in Agricultural Education and Development, effective Summer B 2009.

This change will provide more flexibility for both the students and the department in meeting degree requirements. The revision was approved.

7. Proposed elimination of Biology Education specialization in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, effective Summer B 2009.

Student demand indicates there is no longer a reason to continue to offer this specialization. If any students are still pursuing it, they will be allowed to continue in the specialization. Elimination of the specialization was approved.

8. Items from Graduate School (information only).

- a. Proposal for a Doctor of Business Administration
- b. Proposal for two concentrations in the MS with a major in Management degree program: 1) Health Care Risk Management and 2) Geriatric Care Management
- c. Proposal for a concentration in Agribusiness in the Master of Science, non-thesis program in Food and Resource Economics

9. New/changed undergraduate courses.

All new courses and course changes proposed were approved, pending completion of incomplete materials for several courses.

10. New/changed professional courses.

All new courses and course changes proposed were approved.

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

12. Items from the floor.

Clarification was provided regarding the inclusion of minus grade information on the syllabi of professors who do not intend to assign minus grades. It is important that the complete university grade point equivalencies are provided, regardless of the grades the professor intends to assign. It is recommended this be done by providing a link to the information in the undergraduate catalog to ensure consistency.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.