

**Minutes of the Meeting of the University Curriculum Committee**  
**October 21, 2008**

Daniel Wubah convened the UCC at 1:30 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, Moses Divaker, Tracy Flack, Ken Gerhardt, Stephanie Hanson, Selman Hershfield, Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Albert Matheny, Andrew McCollough, Wayne McCormack, James McLeskey, Karen Miles, Robert Primosch, Edward Schaefer, Elaine Turner

**Guests:** Roxanne Barnett, Patrick McGinn, Holly Moses, B. A. Rienzo

**1. Approval of minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting.**

The minutes were approved as written.

**2. Update from Faculty Senate meeting.**

Dr Wubah was unable to attend, but the content of the October 16 meeting can be viewed on the Faculty Senate website.

Dr Wubah clarified that the faculty representatives to the UCC must meet independently to elect a co-chair. They will do this via email and have a co-chair in place prior to the next UCC meeting.

**3. Academic calendars 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.**

Dr Wubah and Steve Pritz met with the Academic Policy Council of the Faculty Senate to discuss a resolution to the stalemate over the placement of spring break. The APC agreed they would not oppose moving the break to after the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the term. The proposed calendars were so modified and reviewed by the committee. Both were approved and will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration. It was noted that the current student proposal regarding a student holiday on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving is still pending approval and is not included in these calendars. If and when new holiday is approved, the calendars will be modified as needed.

**4. Withdrawal of request for elimination of BA in Statistics degree approved by UCC March 25, 2008.**

The new UF Teach program has caused renewed interest in this degree, so the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is withdrawing their request to eliminate it. The withdrawal was approved.

**5. Proposed Changes to Health Education & Behavior Curriculum effective with the 2009-10 academic year.**

Dr Brown explained that the department is combining what are currently three specializations into one degree program, to better align the program with current national competencies for the profession. There was much discussion of the impact of the required 2.8 tracking GPA; in the current specialization, one has a 3.0 requirement, the others a 2.0. The college expects to be able to accommodate most of the students who would be displaced in another degree program within the college. A motion was made that the proposal be modified to require a tracking GPA of 2.5. The department chair, who was present, agreed to make this modification if required by the committee. The motion was seconded, and a vote showed 5 in favor of modifying

the proposal and 13 opposed. Many members felt that the department is better able to assess the student and department needs, and that their proposal should stand as originally put forth. A motion was made that the proposal be approved as originally submitted. The original proposal was approved.

**6. Proposed Changes to Athletic Training Curriculum effective with the 2009-10 academic year.**

This change, which is in response to a state common course review, will make this program more accessible to transfer students. One change in the course sequencing was suggested due to prerequisite requirements, which was readily accepted by the college. The proposed changes were approved with one dissenting vote.

**7. Proposed Change to Horticultural Sciences major, all specializations, effective with the 2009-10 academic year.**

Dr Turner explained that the requested changes will broaden the options available to students to meet their degree requirements. The proposal was approved.

**8. Proposed Change to Agricultural Education and Communication major, specialization in Communication and Leadership Development, effective with the 2009-10 academic year.**

This change in curriculum is made to reflect the course offerings in the department and improve their student's global literacy and leadership competencies. The proposal was approved.

**9. Proposed Elimination of International Studies certificate, effective immediately.**

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has determined that this certificate is no longer meaningful because of the extremely minimal criteria involved to complete the requirement. The elimination of this certificate was approved.

**10. Items from Graduate School (information only).**

Dr Gerhardt reported that the Graduate School has approved allowing teleconferencing for committee members for student dissertation defense, excluding the student and the committee chair, both of whom must be physically present.

**11. New/changed undergraduate courses.**

Due to lack of time, no undergraduate courses were reviewed or approved.

**12. New/changed professional courses.**

All 28 professional Nursing courses were approved.

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

As these are information items only, they will be forwarded to SCNS.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.