

Minutes: 3/28/08 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UGCC) Meeting

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Discussion continued regarding the existing policy that allows 1000-level foreign language classes to fulfill the core social science or humanities requirement. The UGCC curriculum core report of 2/25/05 and the two portions of SACS requirements (Core Requirement 2.7.3 and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10) were consulted. Although it was generally agreed that 1000-level foreign language courses are weak as humanities or social science courses, it was pointed out that the timing for a change is bad for the Humanities faculty, as they are trying to build their programs. The chemistry faculty prefer to keep the requirement as it is. For several engineering programs, it would be problematic for their students who wish to take a language but don't have available elective credits. A motion was made and seconded to keep the current HU and SS designations for 1000-level foreign language courses.

The one Consent Agenda item passed:

- Changing Restrictions or Credits in a Course - CHE 4181 - Chemical Engineering Plant Design I

The following were discussed and passed with noted revisions:

- Adding a New Course:
 - OCE 4601 – Introduction to Environmental Flow Monitoring – “Computer programming background is required.” will be added to the catalog description. J. Windsor will suggest to the course instructor that the confusion about whether or not a final examination is required needs to be cleared up.
 - MTH 1051 – Introductory Discrete Mathematics – Three changes were made to the form 1) Schedule Type is Virtual Classroom (H) 2) College is Engineering (instead of Business) and 3) a new Additional Restriction is “For BANNER enforcement, restricted to students enrolled in University Alliance (U).”
- Changing Restrictions or Credits in a Course - CIS 4026 – Introduction to Internet Applications – approved as presented
- Changing Graduation Requirements – Psychology 7144, 7141, 7146 – In the Brief Description of Requested Changes box for all three forms, the following was added:
Drop:
 - PSY 2511
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 - BUS 2703 or MTH 2401
 - 1 credit of free elective

A discussion took place concerning core courses with an occupational or professional focus. It was noted that the UGCC curriculum core report of 2/25/05 recommends that core courses “do not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession.” It was agreed that UGCC members should be sensitive to this requirement as new courses are considered.

A piece of follow-up information was provided. Regarding the question raised at the 2/29/08 meeting about the use of COOP as a technical elective, it was noted that departments can modify their programs, with the approval of the UGCC, to use COOP electives in place of other courses.

The next UGCC meeting is Friday, April 25, at 8:00 a.m. in the Physical Sciences conference room. Agenda items are due Friday, April 18.

Respectfully submitted,

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