

Greetings,

At the UGCC meeting of 10/24/03 the following items were addressed:

1. The request to change "Interdisciplinary Science" to "Interdisciplinary Science and Technology" was tabled because of several concerns that could not be addressed at the meeting. These concerns included the possible negative connotation of the word "technology" and the appearance that the request involves more than just a name change.
2. The new course CHE 1091, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology Laboratory, was passed unanimously although there was some concern about course duplication. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
3. The new course CHM 1091, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology Laboratory, was passed unanimously although there was some concern about course duplication. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
4. Revision of the AP examination credit for computer science was approved unanimously. This revision is already in the current proof for the 2004-05 catalog.
5. The request to change the graduation requirements for the Space Sciences major was withdrawn.
6. The request to change the graduation requirements for the Physics major was withdrawn.
7. The request to change the graduation requirements for the Astronomy/Astrophysics major was withdrawn.
8. A motion to reaffirm the 1998 UGCC recommendation regarding humanities core requirements for transfer students was defeated (5-4 with abstentions). Instead, the Committee voted to establish a subcommittee to reexamine the core requirements for all students at Florida Tech. This subcommittee will include representatives from each college/school and Bob Fronk will be asked to provide input on SACS criteria.
9. The Committee approved (with abstentions) the COM 1102 prerequisite that exists for HUM 2051 and HUM 2052. Concern was raised about dictating prerequisites to departments that should be most knowledgeable about their own courses. On the other hand, the problem of students completing their humanities requirements in a timely manner also was expressed.
10. The requirement of HUM 2051, 2052 for most other humanities courses was questioned. While the need for high-level humanities courses for humanities majors was acknowledged, it was suggested that there be more humanities offerings without the HUM 2051, 2052 prerequisites for non-majors. This issue was not resolved.

Please note: The next UGCC meeting is Friday, November 14, as previously scheduled. I inadvertently said it was November 21 at the end of the last meeting. Dr. McCay has agreed to be present at the November 14 meeting to express his goals with regard to academic programs and course offerings and his view of the role of the UGCC in helping to achieve those goals.