

Greetings,

Our next UGCC meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM Friday, December 5, in the 2nd floor conference room of the Olin Life Sciences Building. The agenda items I have are as follows:

1. Add new course HUM 2085 to the curriculum. (See the attached HUM2085.PDF.)
2. Changes to the credit awarded by Florida Tech on the basis of the College Board Advanced Placement Program. (See the AdvPlac.PDF attached to the agenda for 11/14/03.)
3. Change in credit hours for CVE 4090. (See the CVE4090.PDF attached to the agenda for 11/14/03.)
4. Add a prerequisite for CVE 3013. (See the CVE3013.PDF attached to the agenda for 11/14/03.)
5. Change in graduation requirements for the Meteorology program. (See the Meteorology.PDF attached to the agenda for 11/14/03.)
6. Proposal to modify the definition of a free elective in the catalog (pages 24-25) to read "Free electives may be any courses 1000 level or above taken at Florida Tech, or courses taken elsewhere if transfer credit is awarded by Florida Tech. Courses can be combined...."
7. Suggested renumbering of COM 1100, MTH 1101 and ESL offerings to below 1000.
8. Change in graduation requirements for the Chemical Management program. (See the attached ChemMan.PDF)
9. Change in graduation requirements for the Aerospace Engineering program. (See the attached AeroEng.DOC)

The Core Curriculum Review subcommittee met on Nov. 21. Richard Turner was selected as the committee chair. Bob Fronk covered the SACS criteria for a core curriculum. Bill Gabrenya proposed that the common university core be discontinued. Colleges and schools could develop their own core requirements within SACS guidelines, in a manner consistent with their respective academic needs and prevailing norms in the United States. The subcommittee generally favors the current core requirements with respect to Communication, Mathematics, Physical/Life Sciences, and computer literacy. The possibility of adding a laboratory component is under consideration.

The subcommittee is focusing on the Humanities requirements. The committee recognizes that a sufficient number of 3000 and 4000 level Humanities courses, with prerequisites, are essential for Humanities majors and other students who wish to concentrate in humanities. However, there is a need for more introductory humanities courses that require only COM 1101, consistent with other universities. Since HUM 2051 and HUM 2052 are required for all students, the Humanities Department is forced to commit resources that could otherwise be used to offer a broader range of courses, especially at the 2000 level.