

Greetings,

At the UGCC meeting of 3/04/05 the following items were addressed:

1. The request to change the graduation requirements for Civil Engineering was approved with 1 abstention. Concern was expressed that the major factor for replacing COM 3070 with a COM elective was that there is insufficient opportunity for civil engineering majors to take COM 3070. Several other departments face the same problem. The ideal solution would be to have the necessary resources to offer more sections of COM 3070. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
2. The new course HUM 4510, Recent Issues in Logic, was approved unanimously. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)

In response to a question, Cookie Young noted that the Florida Tech catalog available through PAWS is a "live" version that is continuously updated whereas the catalog available through the Florida Tech home page is a PDF version of the printed catalog.

3. The report of the Institutional Core Curriculum Subcommittee was presented by Richard Turner, Chair of the subcommittee. Richard and the other subcommittee members were thanked for the many hours they devoted to examining the core requirements of the University.

There was considerable opposition to the first two recommendations of the core curriculum subcommittee. There is continued concern that many students, especially transfer students, are hampered in fulfilling their humanities requirements in a timely manner by the prerequisites of both HUM 2051 and HUM 2052 for all 3000 and 4000 level humanities courses. While the committee members recognize the right of departments to establish the prerequisites for their own courses, there was a call for more courses to be offered at the 2000 level without these prerequisites. It was pointed out that Science Education majors take only HUM 2051 and seem to do well in the higher level humanities courses. Limiting the humanities choices to 2000 level and higher would further limit flexibility.

There also was opposition to removing the HU/SS designation from LNG 1XXX courses. Many engineering programs have only one humanities elective and students in these majors would be discouraged from taking language courses by the proposed change. Even one semester of a foreign language was considered helpful for students seeking employment in the engineering disciplines.

There was little discussion of recommendations 3 through 5. Discussion of all recommendations will continue at the next UGCC meeting.