

Greetings,

At the UGCC meeting on 4/29/05 the following items were addressed:

1. The recommendation of the Institutional Core Curriculum Subcommittee that the HU/SS designation be removed from LNG 1XXX courses was narrowly defeated, with 7 members in favor, 7 members opposed, and 1 abstention. Those in favor argued that there was very little in the way of humanities/social science content in beginning language courses, while those opposed pointed out that many programs have limited humanities requirements and students would be discouraged from taking a language if it did not count towards their graduation.
2. The recommendation of the Institutional Core Curriculum Subcommittee that the 3-credit humanities elective in the core requirement be at the 2000-level or higher was defeated, with 4 members in favor, 8 opposed, and 3 abstentions. One argument against was that there is no such requirement for the mathematics or science core courses. It was pointed out that departments can include the 2000-level requirement in their program plans if they wish.

The Department of Humanities and Communication was asked to submit a Changing Restrictions/Credits in a Course form stating that HUM 1000 does not meet the humanities core requirement. This would prevent a student from using a "remedial" course for the core.

3. The Committee followed the recommendation of the Institutional Core Curriculum Subcommittee and approved the following resolution: " The Department of Humanities and Communication should have one or more additional faculty positions to accommodate the addition of lower-division courses and sections and the expansion of faculty expertise in Eastern civilizations."
4. The Committee followed the recommendation of the Institutional Core Curriculum Subcommittee and approved (with two abstentions) the following resolution: "Admitted students who are found in need of remediation should be contacted by the appropriate campus office and encouraged to take remedial courses during the summer semester preceding their anticipated semester of entry."
5. The Committee followed the recommendation of the Institutional Core Curriculum Subcommittee and approved (with two abstentions) the following resolution: "In view of the university's desire to graduate students within four years, the university should publish a statement that recommends the use of the summer semester (at Florida Tech or elsewhere) by students to catch up in sequences that are offset or broken by remedial coursework, transfer from another university, unsatisfactory performance, or low credit load. Appropriate documents for such a statement would be the Academic Advising Handbook (Academic Support Center) and Student Handbook (Office of the Dean of Students)."
6. The new course ECE 4342, Virtual Instrumentation Laboratory, was approved with one abstention after correcting the form to 2 lecture hours and 4 lab hours per week (3 credit hours) and changing the Additional Restriction to read "Senior standing in ECE or instructor approval". (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
7. The request to phase out the B.S. degree program in Information Systems (7074) offered by the Department of Computer Sciences was approved with one abstention. It is understood that this degree is being merged with the B.S. degree in Information Systems in Business (7567) offered by the College of Business.

Please note that the remaining business will take place at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 6 in the second floor conference room of the Olin Physical Science Center.