

Greetings,

At the UGCC meeting on 2/03/06 the following items were addressed:

1. The new course CHM 2100, Computer Applications in Chemistry, was approved with one abstention after adding the CL designation and adding the restriction that this course can not be used to satisfy the Chemistry Minor. Concern was expressed about the number of computer courses taught by departments other than the Department of Computer Science. One solution might be to have a more generic 1- or 2-credit course covering common basic skills such as Excel, Powerpoint, and Web searching with individual departments offering a 1-credit course covering computer applications specific to their field. CSE 1301 covers this material as a 3-credit course and there is a CSE 1301 Advanced Standing Exam for students wishing to demonstrate competency in this area. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
2. The Consent Agenda was passed with one opposed. The following items were included in this agenda:
 - a. Changing the graduation requirements in Information Systems in Business. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
 - b. Changing the prerequisites for CHM 3301, Analytical Chemistry 1. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
 - c. Changing the graduation requirements in General Chemistry. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
 - d. Changing the graduation requirements in Research Chemistry. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
 - e. Changing the graduation requirements in Chemical Management. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
 - f. Changing the graduation requirements in Premedical Chemistry. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
 - g. Adding a new course, COM 4220, Writing Proposals, to the curriculum. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)
3. There was a reminder (See the UGCC Policies and Procedures) that all request forms sent to the UGCC should be accompanied by at least a brief explanation and justification. This documentation is even more important with the introduction of the Consent Agenda since it may eliminate the need for discussion of that item.
4. The new course PSY 4541, Culture and Psychology, was approved unanimously after adding the SS designation. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)

5. The Department of Science and Mathematics Education has removed the Science Education in Computer Science option from the curriculum because of very low enrollment and lack of opportunities for graduates in this option.
6. The request to add a new minor in History was approved with two opposed and one abstention after correcting the COM 2012 name and adding the restriction that this minor is not open to Humanities majors. The major objection was that COM 1101, COM 1102, HUM 2051, and HUM 2052 were not included in the 21-credit limit even though they are prerequisites for required courses in the minor. The counter argument was that these four courses are named University core courses required of everyone, thus do not add any value to the History Minor, and should not be included in the 21-credit limit for minors. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar after making the following additional corrections: Mythology is HUM 1015 no longer HUM 2015; HUM 2085 is Critical Approaches to Humanities and Social Sciences; and HUM 3026 is the Civilization of Islam.)
7. There was a preliminary discussion of the repeatable courses policy. One issue was whether there should be a common distinction between special topics courses, independent study courses, and research courses across departments.

Regards,
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