

Florida Institute of Technology
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
August 28, 2009
8:00 a.m.
F.W. Olin Physical Sciences Building
Second-floor Conference Room
MINUTES

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

The chair welcomed members of the committee, and everyone introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda:

The following items remained on the Consent Agenda and were passed unanimously:

1. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum – BIO 4904 (Field Biology/Galapagos) (Dual-numbered with BIO 5904)
6. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum – AVT 4302 (Air Traffic Control 2)
7. Adding a New Major Program to the Curriculum – (B.S. Biological Sciences – Conservation Biology & Ecology)

Agenda Discussion Items:

The following items were discussed and passed by a vote of 15-0-1.

2. Dept. of Physical Education – Adding a New Course to the Curriculum
 - a. PED 1160 (Intercollegiate Athletics)
 - b. PED 2160 (Coaching Theory)
Amended to include a restriction of “Sophomore Standing.”
 - c. PED 2161 (Care & Prevention of Athletics Injuries)
Amended to include a restriction of “Sophomore Standing.”
 - d. PED 3160 (Theory & Practice of Coaching Basketball)
 - e. PED 3161 (Theory & Practice of Coaching Soccer)

A question arose regarding why the Dean who oversees the Physical Education Department (PED) did not sign the forms, but rather Brian Dailey’s (Assoc. Provost for Athletics) signature appears. It was mentioned that the Dean for the College of Psychology and Liberal Arts (COPLA) was not aware that PED was within that College. It was further noted that, through discussion amongst the Deans of COPLA and the College of Science (COS), and the Provost’s Office, that should the above courses and the minor program in item 3b below pass, all courses associated with PED would move from COPLA to COS in the near future. In light of this, it was decided by the Deans and the Provost that the signatures appearing on the paperwork would suffice.

3. Dept. of Science and Mathematical Education

The following item was discussed and passed unanimously as amended.

- a. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum – EDS 2162 (Anatomy/Physiology)
*Amended with a new course number to be determined: BIO IXXX
Amended with an addition to the course description that this course is not recommended for students enrolled in a degree program with a “Premedical Option.”*

It was noted that students enrolled in a pre-medical program are required to have a full year in anatomy and physiology. There was concern that students might try to use this survey course in anatomy and physiology to satisfy that requirement. The course description was amended to preclude that possibility.

The following item was discussed and passed by a vote of 11-2-3.

- b. Adding a New Minor Program to the Curriculum – Athletic Coaching Minor

The issue was raised as to whether this minor is properly offered through the Dept. of Science and Mathematical Education. While according to the University Catalog “[m]inors may be chosen from within or outside the student’s major college[,]” it also states that “[t]he intent of the minor is to encourage and recognize focused study in a field outside the student’s major.” The concern was that the minor is being offered in the Dept. of Science and Mathematical Education and that it is expected that students majoring in one of the education programs would pursue this minor which seems to violate the principle of minor programs in general. The counter-argument was that while the major and minor are being offered by the same department, math and science education is sufficiently distinct from athletic coaching education so as to still follow at least the spirit of a minor program.

Another concern that was raised was whether the courses comprising the minor could be considered anything other than free electives in any other program, and if not, would this violate the statement in the University Catalog that “[n]o more than a total of four credit hours of free elective credits earned for physical education and/or health education can be applied toward meeting degree requirements.” The Committee did not generally feel this was so, but it was suggested that the wording in the catalog could be modified to accommodate situations such as this.

The following item was discussed and passed by a vote of 10-2-4.

4. Changing Restrictions or Credits in a Course – CIS 1130 (Basic Computer Skills)

It was asked what was changed in CIS 1130 to justify now allowing this course to be used for Florida Tech credit. In response it was stated that originally this course seemed to be too basic to allow credit to be earned, but after it having

been implemented for some amount of time, that thought had changed, though no specific change in the course syllabus could be pointed to.

The following items were discussed and passed by a vote of 15-1-0

5. College of Business – Changing Graduation Requirements in a Major/Minor
 - a. AA Business Administration (3510)
 - b. AA Health Care Management (3540)
 - c. BA Business Administration – Accounting (7600)
 - d. BA Business Administration – Health Care Management (7602)
 - e. BA Business Administration – Marketing (7604)
 - f. Business Administration – Accounting (7601)
 - g. BA Business Administration – Management (7603)
 - h. AA Marketing (3560)
 - i. AA Accounting (3550)

Other:

1. Senior Vice Provost Bonhomme
During discussion of item 2 above, Senior Vice Provost Bonhomme proposed that all curriculum changes that are to be reflected in the next edition of the University Catalog be presented to the Committee no later than the April meeting of the previous academic year. He felt that this would avoid the rush in August to get things into the catalog and, should there be problems, the summer would provide time to resolve them. He asked the Committee to reflect on this proposal and it was decided that this would be discussed at a future meeting.
2. Changing the Computer Science AP exam credit award (Dr. Shoaff)
In the interest of time, discussion of this item was tabled until the next meeting.
3. Information:
 - Approval of an Undergraduate Online Course to Have the Same Number as an On-campus Undergraduate Course – CSE 3411
This item was removed from the agenda and will be reintroduced at a future meeting.
 - Change of Grade Mode for MTH 0003 and MTH 0110 from ~A-F to ~P/F (effective Fall 2009)
The Chair announced that there was a minor correction to this item. The change in grade mode was effective for the Melbourne campus courses in Fall 2009, but it was effective for online courses in the Summer-2 2009 term.
 - Archived documents available on the UGCC website

- AY 2009-2010 UGCC meeting schedule

Sept. 25	Feb. 26
Oct. 23	Mar. 26
Nov. 20	Apr. 30
Jan. 29	May 7 (if needed)

All meetings start at 8:00 a.m. and will be held in the F.W. Olin Physical Sciences Building second-floor conference room.

Our next meeting is Friday, September 25 at 8:00 a.m. in the Physical Sciences conference room. Agenda items are due Friday, September 18.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Archambault – Chair