CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Members present: Megan Buzby, P. Dalthorp, E. Hill (chair), Joe Liddle (audio), K. McCarthy (audio), R. McDonald (audio), Chris Urata, J. Ward, Teague Whalen (audio)

Ex-officio members present: Carol Hedlin, Registrar’s office (B. Hegel and J. Crichton)

Visitors: Andrzej Piotrowski (faculty, Natural Sciences); Kate Sullivan (Career Ed; audio)

[Due to family emergency, Michelle Calvin-Casey was unavailable.]

No errors or omissions were identified in the minutes of the meeting on 12.09.11.

Hill reminded members of March 1 Spring curriculum deadline and of future committee meeting dates on Feb 17, March 23, and April 13.

First Reading

12-19 / New Course MATH S106

A. Piotrowski, the initiating faculty member, provided background on the proposed MATH course, which would be a new GER. With regard to effects on STAT 107, Piotrowski replied that demand would likely continue for distance delivery from Sitka, but that on-campus courses may not be offered in the future if demand for MATH 106 is significant.

Piotrowski reviewed topics covered and explained that it is not an algebra course. One objective of the course is to encourage a more positive attitude toward math. Brief discussion of whether there would be an impact on overall number of GER credits since MATH 106 is a 3-credit course. Current required math and natural science GER credits in AY12 catalog is 11.

Motion to pass first reading by Buzby; seconded by Ward.

Second Reading

12-04 / New Course DESL S102

Motion to pass second reading by Buzby; seconded by Urata. Proposal approved unanimously.
12-11 / New Course BIOL 101

Motion to pass second reading by Ward; seconded by Buzby. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-12 / New Course BIOL 102

Motion to pass second reading by Dalthorp; seconded by Urata. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-13 / Revise GOVT concentration

Motion to pass second reading by Urata; seconded by Dalthorp. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-14 / Revise PSY concentration

Motion to pass second reading by Buzby; seconded by Urata. Proposal approved unanimously as revised.

12-15 / Require C (2.0) or better in Social Science program requirements

Hill clarified that the “C” requirement will apply to all courses used to fulfill Social Science primary or secondary concentration requirements and to all SSCI courses.

Motion to pass second reading by Ward; seconded by Buzby. Proposal approved unanimously.

Joe Liddle arrived at the meeting at this point.

12-16 / New Course ANTH S348

Motion to pass second reading by Buzby; seconded by Urata. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-17 / Suspend WGS minor

Motion to pass second reading by Urata; seconded by Dalthorp. Proposal approved unanimously.
First Reading

12-18 / Revise GEOG B.A. and B.S. degrees

Hegel and Eran Hood discussed proposed changes since the last curriculum meeting; Hegel clarified how Banner entries will be coded.

Motion to pass first reading by Buzby; seconded by Ward.

12-20  Replace OCN 101 with FT 110 in Fish Tech curriculum
12-21  Delete OCN 101 from Fish Tech curriculum

Hegel explained that OCN 101 had been used to fulfill introductory oceanography requirement in the Fish Tech curriculum; however, faculty decided that a course more focused on fisheries oceanography was necessary and developed FT 110.

Kate Sullivan phoned in during discussion of the two proposals, but committee members had no questions for her.

Motion to pass first reading of both 12-20 and 12-21 by Dalthorp; seconded by Ward.

Kate Sullivan left the meeting at this point.

12-22 / Reduce number of required 200-level credits for Health Sciences A.A.S.

Urata provided background on this proposal. The reduction of required 200-level credit hours from 25 to 20 will enable more students to complete the A.A.S. in a timely manner. As presently structured, the program does not offer sufficient courses at the 200-level for students to complete the degree. The reduction will also bring the Health Sciences A.A.S. into line with other A.A.S. degrees at UAS.

Motion to pass first reading by Ward; seconded by Buzby.

Minutes recorded by Erica Hill