Meeting Minutes
UAS Curriculum Committee
February 21, 2014


C. Hay-Jahans called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm in the Novatney Building conference room.

Agenda: (tape count 2:40 – 3:05)
The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes from 01-17-2014: (tape count: 2:14 – 2:26)
Minutes from the last meeting are posted in the shared drive at \berling\AY 13-14\Curriculum Committee\Minutes.  E. Hill moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2014 meeting.  A. Staack seconded. The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Second Readings:
14-11  BIOL S355 Experimental Design and Data Analysis – New Course Proposal Category B (tape count: 3:08-7:00)
E. Hill moved to pass second reading.  Seconded by A. Staack. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.

14-14 Marine Transportation - Curriculum Change Category B (tape count 7:21-7:40)
A. Staack moved to pass second reading.  Seconded by E. Hill. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.

14-15 Marine Transportation Subject Code Change - Curriculum Change Category B (tape count 8:00 – 9:10)
A. Staack moved to pass second reading.  Seconded by E. Hill. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.

14-16 Marine Transportation Course Number & Title - Curriculum Change Category B (tape count 9:20-10:37)
The committee clarified that the title of the course should read MTR S220 Proficiency in Survival Craft (as opposed to the word ‘proficient’).  E. Hill moved to pass second reading as corrected.  Seconded by A. Staack as amended. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.
14-17 Marine Transportation Course Number & Title Change - Curriculum Change Category B (tape count 10:52 – 11:28)
The committee confirmed that this is a graded course.  
*E. Hill moved to pass second reading.*  Seconded by C. Urata.  
*The proposal passed through second reading without objection.*


*E. Hill moved to pass second reading with the amendment changing MTR 141 to MTR 241 and the correction in title of Proficient to Proficiency in Survival Craft.*  
*Seconded by A. Staack as amended. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.*


*E. Hill moved to pass second reading. Seconded by A. Staack. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.*


*A. Staack moved to pass second reading. Seconded by E. Hill. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.*

14-30 BLA Humanities Curriculum Change - Category B (tape count: 17:50 – 18:57)

*E. Hill moved to pass second reading. Seconded by A. Staack. The proposal passed through second reading without objection.*

First Readings:

14-29 BA Elementary Education Curriculum Change - Category B (tape count 22:00 -1:18:58)
This proposal changes “Other Skills” from a 4-credit elective to a three-credit elective; deletes ED 304 and ASLT 300 (14-27); and reduces credit hours for ED 452 (14-28) and ED 460 (14-25) to reduce the degree credits requirement from 128 to 120 – more in line with other undergraduate programs at UAS. There was a lengthy discussion on the need to have some kind of AK Native Studies course remain in the program and other options, such as removing the PSY 101 course from the pre requisite for PSY 101 and PSY 250.  
*TABLED. Need clarification on which course to remove.*

14-36 ENVS S422 Earth’s Climate System New Course Proposal - Category B (tape count: 1:20:07 - 1:31:20)
This course is an upper division course for ENVS majors and is a replacement for Atmospheric Science. Acts as an optional course for the BS GEOG. While not part of the Biology program, it may be of interest to BIOL majors.  
*E. Hill moved to pass first reading, seconded by A. Staack.*
14-37 Natural Sciences/Mathematics Program – Curriculum Change - Category B (tape count: 1:31:30 - 1:34:08)
This proposal requests various changes to the catalog description, and additions and deletions of electives to the mathematics majors program. A. Staack moved to pass first reading, seconded by E Hill.

This proposal offers a new course, ENVS 212 that was previously taught as ENVS/GEOG 293 and GEOG/ENVS 293 Lab. According to the proposal, this course is a “second year required option” for the Environmental Science BS program students and replaces the 4 credit GEOL 271 Earth Materials (3+3). TABLED. Committee asked for the lab chart to be corrected for 3+3, and needs clarification on the placement of the course.

This proposal offers a new course, GEOG 212 that was previously taught as ENVS/GEOG 293 for GEOG and ENVS majors. According to the proposal, this course is a “second year required option” for the Environmental Resources BS program students in the Earth Systems area. (This is associated with Proposal 14-38.) TABLED. Committee asked for clarification on the placement of the course.

14-40 BIO 415, Curriculum Change - Category B (tape count 1:38:30- 1:37)
This proposal removes the laboratory component from the course, drops the prerequisite for CHEM 341 and changes the name to Biology 410 and aligns with a similar course at UAF. E. Hill moved to pass first reading, seconded by A. Staack.

14-41 GEOG S210 New course Proposal - Category A (tape count 1:39:02 – 1:41:10)
This course meets the need for a lower-division class focusing on local terrestrial ecosystems; previously taught as a special topics class ENVS/GEOG ST393. TABLED. Need clarification on the placement of the course.

Next meeting date: March 14, 2014 (tape count 1:45:15)

Meeting Schedule for AY 13-14 (Third Friday of the month)
April 18. All meetings begin at 3:00 pm and are held in the Novatney Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.