UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2015-16 Meeting #6, November 16, 2015

Present: Matthew Brehm, Dan Eveleth, Joe Law, Kerri Vierling, Mark Nielsen, Todd Thorsteinson, Rick Stoddardt, Brianna Larson, Don Crowley, Janine Darragh, Heather Chermak, and Tim Prather
Absent: Austin Blacker, Ankah Guria, Kenton Bird, Patricia Hart, and Jeanne Stevenson
Others Present: Grace Miller, Rebecca Frost, and Dwaine Hubbard

Call to order: A quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. in the Pitman Cataldo room. The minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

UCC-16-014 OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Dan introduced the updates to the Boise Bible College transfer: the SS 215 Personal Finance course now transfers to three FCS 000 credits instead of one FCS 346 credit. Nielsen remarked that the adjustment to the Boise Bible College transfer appeared to be in the student’s best interest. It was moved and seconded to approve these changes. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-16-019 COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Dan asked for questions regarding the new course title for NRS 565. He reminded the committee that another course had a similar title, which warranted the change. It was moved and seconded to approve the new title. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

UCC-16-021 COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Dan noted two typos in the AgEc 489 description: “AgEc 89” should be “AgEc 489” and “Understanding Futures and Options Markets” should be “Understanding and Using Futures and Options Markets.” Rick Stoddardt noted that AgEc 489Lab is essentially an Excel course. Joe Law asked what merited the course change from 2 to 3 credits and whether the additional credits in 414 would impose a burden. Nielsen responded that AgEc 414 is becoming a full semester course, instead of a five-week course, and the additional materials merited the credit change. Kerri Vierling identified a grammatical error in the 414 description and Dan agreed with Kerri: “three financial statements analysis” should be “three financial statement analyses.” It was noted that the acronyms NPV and IRR should be spelled out. It was moved and seconded to approve the two AgEc courses. The motion passed unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION EDUCATION

Item 1

Dan asked for questions regarding the new AgEd courses. Rick noted a typo in AgEd 561 short course title: “Veg” should be “Beg.” It was noted that the full short course title should be “BEG TEACHER INDUCTION II,” as the II was left off. Dan asked for any additional questions. It was moved and seconded to approve the new courses. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2

Dan asked for questions regarding the changes to current AgEd courses. He cited a question about AgEd 562 from an earlier email to Grace: “It looks like their goal is to create a new course and give it the 562 number, and then move the existing 562 course content to a new course that would be called 565... Can this be done?” Dwaine explained that this is normally allowed so long as the course's content is not changing entirely. Heather suggested
that we speak to the department. She also suggested that we assign this course the 565 number in order to avoid re-using the number, consistent with university policy. Tim Prather noted that this course change is similar to something accomplished a few weeks ago. Dan noted that the same course now has two numbers. Tim explained that the numbering is a matter of the course sequencing. He asked whether there were another way to accomplish this and Heather responded that departments can still indicate in what order students ought to take courses. She also noted that advisors could plan for this while meeting with graduate students, since these are graduate-level courses. Heather said that course numbering is the purview of the Registrar’s Office in order to avoid issues on transcription and repeat. Dwaine suggested that we table AgEd 562 and speak to the department before they submit AgEd 565 for review. The committee affirmed. It was moved and seconded to approve AgEd 560. The motion passed unanimously.

ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE

Item 1
Dan asked for questions regarding the new AVS courses. It was moved and seconded to approve the courses. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2
Dan asked for questions regarding changes to current AVS courses. Joe asked if the changes to prerequisites would have an effect on Biol 115; specifically, if these changes would make Biol 115 a bottleneck course. It was noted that Biol 115 is already required in AVS and elsewhere. It was moved and seconded to approve the AVS changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3
Dan asked for questions regarding changes to the AVS Minor. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously. Nielsen asked if AVS 476 was a new course and Dwaine explained that it became dormant and was removed, but had been recently reactivated and not yet added to the course requirements.

BIOLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
Dan noted that he found the rationale for changes to the Agricultural Systems Management Major confusing. He explained that the three new courses are already in the curriculum, but are being added elsewhere. Tim explained that this change is part of the prior admin’s efforts to make things more efficient after two departments had to merge into one major. This merger was accomplished by developing a core curriculum that both could agree on. Nielsen asked if these courses would count within the core and again within the major requirements. Dwaine responded that it would not. Tim suggested that we ask what the department really intended. Dwaine explained that the changes would require students to take the Comm course, then Engl 313 or 317, and then another from the “one of the following” list. Heather said that some majors advise their students to take a core general education class, but that isn’t written in the catalog. Nielsen suggested that we return these changes for clarification and Dan agreed.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Item 1
Rick relayed comments from the Library Dean regarding FCS 425. Specifically, the Dean asked for attendance estimates and likely demands on the Library archives. Dan asked if there were other courses that dealt similarly with collections. He also asked who the department should speak to. Rick responded that the department ought to speak with Dean Baird or the Head of Special Collections for additional context. The committee chose to table FCS 425.

Todd asked whether including “offered online” in the description of FCS 484 might limit it in the future. Tim asked how online courses are designated in the catalog and Heather explained that we use semester-designations similarly. Tim said that students would probably want to know that the course is online only and Dan suggested
that we change to language from “offering online” to “online only.” It was moved and seconded to approve adding FCS 484, providing for the language change. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2
Rick asked if there were another course adding an “open studio,” as noted in the FCS 324 rationale. Matthew Brehm noted that labs don’t provide additional content, but another committee member noted that the studio time is guided. Matthew said that the word “open” in the rationale made the course sound less formalized, required, and guided. Dan asked whether the committee wanted to make a motion or ponder the changes further. It was moved and seconded to approve the two change proposals. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3
Dan summarized the changes to the Apparel, Textiles, and Design Major: the department proposed dropping a computer elective and 6 credits of additional FCS credits and adding two FCS courses to the list of required courses. Don asked why the department chose to drop the computer application elective and not the anthropology elective. He asked “why anthropology has a special claim on this major.” Dan explained that the department requested to drop the computer elective, but also requested to add a digital illustration course. Todd noted that the requirements cited in the rationale—“writing and sociology requirements”—are not included in the new curriculum. Tim suggested that the wording was retained from a previous rationale. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the B.S.F.C.S. degree. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4
Dan suggested a word change to the Food and Nutrition major: “at least two credits” instead of “2 credits.” It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the curriculum. The motion passed unanimously.

FOOD SCIENCE

Item 1
Dan noted that the Food Science department is WSU-UI cooperative. Dan also noted some punctuation complexities in the courses’ prerequisites. It was moved and seconded to approve the three new courses. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2
Dan noted that FS 516 rationale cites incorrect information regarding dormancy. The committee affirmed. It was moved and seconded to approve the three reactivations. The motion passed unanimously. Tim noted that he wasn’t sure the rationale was written correctly and Heather explained that FS 516 is one course, taught at one school or another. Tim suggested that FS 516 is an active, teachable course that went dormant at UI because it was being taught at WSU.

Item 3
Dan noted a typo: “dormancy” left at the end of FS 583’s title. It was moved and seconded to approve the reactivation and changes to FS 583. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4
Dan asked if FS 429 could have prerequisites that its joint-listed companion 529 did not. He asked how the software would deal with it. Dwaine responded that we would change the wording to clarify in the catalog. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Don Crowley asked that the minutes from 11/02 be updated to better reflect what he said regarding the history of the Martin School.
Heather returned to AgEd 258, whose Geographical Area Availability states: “state-wide through Dual Credit.” Heather said “dual credit is for high school students receiving college credit,” therefore, “‘through Dual Credit’ should be struck.” Dan asked for any additional comments and, hearing none, closed the meeting.

The next UCC meeting will be November 30, 2015. This meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Grace Miller, UCC Secretary