UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2016-17 Meeting #8, November 14, 2016

Present: Patricia Hart, Dan Eveleth, Jerrold Long, Kenton Bird, Joe Law, Don Crowley, Jeanne Stevenson, Dinara Storfer, Rick Stoddart, Tara Hudiburg, Heather Chermak
Absent: Austin Blacker, Ankan Guria, Brianna Larson, Matthew Brehm, Robert Heinse, Taylor Raney
Others present: Grace Miller, Dwaine Hubbard, Rebecca Frost, Sara Mahuron, Brenda Schroeder, Larry Makus, Paul McDaniel, Ed Bechinski, Jodi Johnson-Maynard, Bob Tripepi

Call to order: A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in the Pitman Cataldo room. The November 7th minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

UCC-17-021a
Larry Makus introduced the changes. He explained that the PSES department is being restructured as per procedure laid out in Focus for the Future. He summarized the changes as follows: “renaming one department, bifurcating another,” and “two or three new majors being proposed within those [new] three departments.”

Paul McDaniel, PSES Department Head, noted to the committee that the name of the “Sustainable Crop and Landscape Systems” major has historically confused students and administration. He noted that the name change should make the major more visible to interested parties. Dan Eveleth asked if the College were also asking the UCC to approve curricular changes and Larry affirmed.

Sara Mahuron asked why the SWS graduate programs were being left alone and Larry responded that they were already appropriately named. He explained further that the College attempted to minimize the changes by focusing on the undergraduate programs. Jodi Johnson-Maynard noted that the Masters and Ph.D. programs are popular and the College does not want to add “water” to the title, as that may compete with the interdisciplinary degree.

Chairperson Pat Hart noted that the committee does not usually see department proposals that are specific down to the faculty involved. Larry responded that the Provost’s Office asked them to be as clear as possible about available resources. It was moved and seconded to approve the reorganization. The motion carried.

UCC-17-021c
The committee elected to consider the second reorganization, that of Plant, Soils and Entomological Sciences. Pat noted a discrepancy in enrollment numbers and Ed Bechinski replied that the latter numbers included both undergraduate and graduate enrollments. Pat noted that it would be helpful to include that information in the proposal. It was moved and seconded to approve the PSES reorganization. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-17-021b
Pat noted that the changes on UCC-17-021b are not on the 5-year plan. She also noted that the proposal includes a justification. Larry affirmed.
Tara Hudiburg asked why climate change was not included in the curriculum and Jodi responded that it can be taken as an elective. Jerrold Long asked if the SWS core is new; Jodi responded that only some is new.

It was noted a second time that the enrollment numbers did not match up. Pat suggested that the College account for the discrepancy in the proposal’s narrative before sending it onward to Senate and the State Board.

Dan asked whether changing an emphasis into its own major requires additional paperwork. Larry replied that the proposal was functionally identical to renaming a program, not proposing a new major, per Mary Stout in the Provost’s Office.

Dan noted that there was no evidence for Plant Science demand or student interest. Jodi responded that the Plant Science M.S. and the Plant Science Ph.D. are been popular. Rick Stoddart inquired as to the reason for including Business Writing and Technical Writing in the requirements. Larry responded that verbal and written communication were emphasized on student surveys. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

**UCC-17-021d**
Larry explained that the Entomology major currently exists, but as an emphasis. Ed noted that the curricular documents for Entomology have not yet come forward. Dwaine Hubbard noted that UCC-17-021d does not reflect changes to the core or the existing major. It was moved and seconded to approve UCC-17-021d. The motion passed unanimously.

**UCC-17-021e**
It was moved and seconded to approve UCC-17-021e. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no additional questions, Chairperson Hart closed the meeting at 4:45.

UCC will reconvene on Monday, November 28, 2016.

Grace Miller
UCC Secretary