

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
2017-18 Meeting #5, October 16, 2017

**Present:** Liz Brandt, Torrey Lawrence, Jerrold Long, Dinara Storfer, Lori Baker-Eveleth, Rick Stoddart, Robert Heinse, Joe Law, Cher Hendricks, Catherine Yenne

**Absent:** Taylor Raney, Danny Bugingo, Esmael Alyami, Tara Hudiburg, Heather Chermak

**Others present:** Grace Miller, Rebecca Frost, Dwaine Hubbard, Lee Vierling, Steve Shook

Chairperson Law opened the meeting at 3:35. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from UCC4. The minutes passed with one abstention.

**UCC-18-015                      College of Natural Resources**

Steve Shook introduced the changes. Jerrold Long asked whether WLF 270 was intended to teach writing skills comparable to the traditional courses and Shook confirmed. Dinara Storfer noted that many students do not know how to write a scientific paper. Rick Stoddart noted that the rationale says “this course will be taught to minimize the workload.” He asked how this was possible. Shook explained that it saves time by preparing students better. The committee approved the changes from Fish and Wildlife.

Jerrold Long noted that REM 410 references a “basic stat course,” but Stat 251 is already listed in the prerequisites. The committee recommended returning to the original language. This change will take effect after vote and upon approval from the department.

Stoddart noted that WLF 270 should be listed in the requirements as 2 credits, not 3. The committee approved the Forest, Rangeland, and Fire Sciences changes.

Shook noted that the M.N.R. language was stale and needed an update. Stoddart commented that the WLF 270 course appears to meet writing requirements in some places, but not others. Lawrence noted that different degrees require different levels of writing.

Shook noted that “Case Study” was too narrow, necessitating an update to “Final Project.”

Lee Vierling introduced the Natural Resources and Society changes. He noted that there has been “almost 100% turnover in our department over the last five years.” Vierling suggested a number of clarifying updates. It was noted that “One of the following (3-4 cr)” should be “(2-4 cr).”

Baker-Eveleth asked for clarification regarding the term “basic coding” and Shook agreed to bring the question back to the department. The committee approved the Natural Resources and Society changes.

**UCC-18-020                      College of Law**

Long noted that the updates are consistent with language used at other law schools. Storfer asked for clarification regarding the 978 prerequisites and Long explained that students are required to take both of the first two courses listed, then one of the next three, and then also receive permission.

**UCC-18-021                      Office of the Registrar**

Dwaine Hubbard introduced the proposed final examination schedule. Long asked whether the University had considered offering finals on all seven days of the week and Hubbard replied that he didn’t even want to propose it. Liz Brandt noted that the break between finals is small and Joe Law

noted that students can reschedule finals if there are two or more on the same day. Lawrence asked what the problem was with finals beginning at 7:30 AM and Hubbard noted that it is less safe for students and faculty in the wintertime. Rebecca Frost noted that the children's center does not open until 7:30 AM year round.

Cher Hendricks noted confusing language in the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet. The committee elected to change it to: "For online classes that have in person finals, the final examination will be on-"

Stoddart asked how this information is communicated to students. Catherine Yenne responded that it is not. The committee approved the final examination schedule.

**UCC-18-022                      College of Natural Resources: Professional Science Master**

Shook introduced the changes. He noted that the P.S.M. is a professional degree program with no curriculum listed in the Catalog. Long noted that "Panning" on page three should be "Planning."

Robert Heinse asked whether they had checked with the instructors to make sure they are open to teaching P.S.M. students. The changes were approved.

Hearing no additional questions, Chairperson Law closed the meeting. UCC will reconvene on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Grace Miller  
UCC Secretary