

Minutes
University Committee on Courses & Curricula
8 November 2000

- PRESENT:** Keith Belli, Gail Bishop, Thomas Althen, David Bridges, James Bryant, Jacquelyn Deeds, Merrily Dunn, Keith Hodge, Jim Jones, Joan Looby, Sharon Nobles, Kevin Rogers, Traci Rowe, Walter Smith, Chuck Sparrow, Tim Wasyluka, Clyde Williams, and Nancy Ziegler.
- EXCUSED:** Benjamin Blair, June Breland, Clyde Herring and David Lewis
- SUBSTITUTES:** Kevin Rogers for Ben Blair
- UN-EXCUSED:** Julie Fulgham, Andy Gillentine, Fred Lehman, Amy McKee, and Ben Needham.
- GUESTS:** Dr. Larry Zuercher - Landscape Architecture; Dr. Jerry Gilbert-Engineering and Dr. Nancy Miller - Computer Science

Dr. Belli called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in 247 Allen Hall.

Belli introduced Dr. Larry Zuercher from Landscape Architecture, Dr. Jerry Gilbert from Engineering and Dr. Nancy Miller from Computer Science as guests.

Deeds moved, seconded by Althen, to approve the minutes of October 11th meeting. Two corrections were requested. Merrily Dunn was mistakenly omitted from the list of members present at that meeting. Also, Clyde Williams asked that the minutes read “The vote against COE 8163 Spirituality in Counseling was based on an objection in principle to the course holding one’s spirituality up for inspection.” The phrase “in class” was deleted from the end of this sentence. The motion passed unanimously.

Belli asked that the Committee look at the course and program proposals from our guests first.

Deeds moved, seconded by Bridges, to approve the entire packet from Landscape Architecture. Additions were: LA 1223 Use of Computers in Landscape Architecture, LA 1253 Design Fundamentals in Landscape Architecture, LA 2433 Landscape Systems and Plant Communities, and LA 2453 Site Inventory and Analysis. Modifications were: LA 2403 Introduction to Landscape Architecture, LA 3113 Presentation Methods and Media, LA 3123 Landscape Architecture History, LA 3314 Landscape Architecture Construction I, LA 3414 Landscape Architecture Design I, LA 2443 Urban Planning, LA 3324 Landscape Architecture Construction II, LA 3424 Landscape Architecture Design II, LA 5133 Professional Practice, LA 4435 Landscape Architecture Design III, LA 4334 Landscape Architecture Construction IV, and LA 5466 Landscape Architecture Design VI. Deletions were: LA 5523 Urban Design, LA 5456 Landscape Architecture Design V, LA 5533 Regional Landscape Planning, LA 4284 Landscape

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Architectural Planting Design II, LA 3274 Planting Design I, and LA 4445 Landscape Architecture Design IV. Zuercher provided background information relating to the move from a 5-year program to a 4-year program in Landscape Architecture. Jones raised a concern about the number of hours listed in the topic outline for LA 3123 Landscape Architecture History. Only 36 hours, rather than the required 45 hours, were indicated in the proposal. Zuercher explained the philosophy of the Department of Landscape Architecture relative to the 70/30 approach of defining course topic hours. Williams questioned the assessment weights for courses where it was not specified. Zuercher explained the subjective nature of grading required by such courses. The motion to pass the LA packet passed with a vote of 14 for, 0 against, and 1 abstention, contingent upon adding an explicit amount of hours to each course addition topic outline to bring the total hours up to the level required by the credit hours indicated in the course description. The topic description for these additional hours was to read "course content selected by instructor to complete courses objectives." to the LA 3123 Landscape Architecture.

Deeds moved, seconded by Bridges, to approve the deletion of CS 4503/6503 Database Management Systems, the addition of CS 4504/6504 Database Management Systems, and the modifications of CS 8533 Database System Design and CS 8543 Advanced Topics in Database System Design. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Sparrow moved, seconded by Deeds, to approve the deletion of PSS 1623 Introduction to Horticulture. The motion passed unanimously.

Dunn moved, seconded by Looby, to approve the addition of PE 8543 Health Education for Diverse Populations. The motion passed unanimously.

Deeds moved, seconded by Jones, to approve the ABE packet consisting of the following course and program additions: ABE 4523/6523 Biomedical Materials, ABE 4533/6533 Rehabilitation Engineering, ABE 8801 Clinical Experience for Biomedical Engineering, Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering. Belli commended Gilbert on the excellent program proposals. The motion passed unanimously.

Deeds moved, seconded by Sparrow to remove ECE 4423/6423 Introduction to Remote Sensing (and the related proposal ECE 8401 Current Topics in Remote Sensing) from the table. The motion passed unanimously. Deeds moved, seconded by Althen to add the cross-listed course additions of ABE 4483/6483 Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies, and PSS 4473/6473 Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies to the previous motion to approve ECE 4423/6423. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee suggested that the department heads of each department involved meet to discuss the possibility of finding a common course number for the cross-listed courses.

Deeds moved, seconded by Dunn, to approve the addition of EPP 3522 Turfgrass Diseases, and

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the modification of EPP 4263/6263 Principles of Insect Pest Management. The motion passed unanimously.

Deeds moved, seconded by Looby, to approve the deletions of RDG 3113 Reading Fundamentals and RDG 3213 Teaching of Reading and the additions of RDG 3113 Foundations of Literacy and RDG 3213 Teaching of Literacy. Concerns were raised regarding the content of the course. Specifically, the Committee questioned how such an extensive topic outline could be covered in the limited time available. Also, the Committee wanted to know which topics were dictated by the State Department of Education, or by NCATE, and therefore not under the control of the instructor. Wasyluka moved, seconded by Dunn, to table the proposal pending the resolution of these questions. The instructor (Dr. Devon Brenner) will be invited to the December meeting to respond. The motion to table passed unanimously.

Bryant moved, seconded by Rogers, to approve the modification of the General Business Administration program. The motion passed unanimously.

Bridges moved, seconded by Althen, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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