

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM MINUTES

Date: 1/29/2004

Minutes Approved by: _____

TO: Dr. Stephen A. Richters
Provost

FROM: Dr. Jo Galle, Chair
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
And
Dr. Lon Smith, Vice-Chair
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

FACULTY MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Galle, L. Smith, C. Michaelides, R. Hanser, P. Sanders, D. Schween, P. Meredith, E. Guerriero, J. Wood, A. Kelly, J. Robertson (EO)

FACULTY MEMBERS ABSENT BUT EXCUSED: S. Sirmans

FACULTY MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STUDENT MEMBERS PRESENT: N/A

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1. THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT requests:

Presenter: Dr. Holly Wilson

Action: ADD new course PHIL 410 "Environmental Philosophy" to
the undergraduate catalog.

(3 cr) Philosophical issues regarding the ethics, aesthetics and economics of
the environment along with a meta-critique of the science of the environment.

Credit hours: 3

Level: Undergraduate

Activity Type: LEC

Maximum Hours To 3

Be Earned:

Cross-Listed: N/A

Beginning Term: 044

Abbreviated Course Environmental Phil

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ADDENDUM

The following items of business were also conducted:

1. Submitted as an email and read to the committee: From Dr. Dale Welch (Department of Sociology), the following was in reference to the degree plan changes made on request of the UCC:

“I would like to go on record as strongly opposing this change; i.e., leaving the social science core open. We prefer to specify the two courses. As I pointed out in the e-mail to Jo Galle, Socl 101 is already being taken by the students and we believe Psyc 201 should be taken by our students. Psyc 201 was previously required in our degree. This requirement reduces our free electives further, possibly down to 15 hours. Prior to this requirement and adding the capstone course, we had 24 hours of free electives. Because of the time factor, we do not have time to re-evaluate our curriculum. This Spring we will review our requirements and make some further reductions of courses currently specified in order to return our free electives to 21 or 24 hours.”

2. Submitted as a response to the 12/12/03 request by the Department of Nursing to create a new option was a memo from the UCC to Provost Richters apprising him of the UCC’s concern about the option:

TO: Dr. Stephen Richters
Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs
FROM: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
RE: New Option of the ULM Nursing Program
DATE: January 21, 2004

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee examined and discussed the ULM Department of Nursing’s proposed new degree option on December 12, 2003, and ultimately the members of the UCC voted to recommend the approval of the option.

The academic content of the new option met the standards of the UCC. However, the Committee also noted that, because the new degree option will necessitate the hiring of one new faculty member for every eight students, the financial implications of implementing this program are a source of concern to committee members. In response to this concern, the UCC unanimously agreed to accompany the program approval with a memo to the Provost requesting careful deliberation of the economic impact on the University as a whole prior to initiating the program.

3. Submitted as a response from Provost Richters to the 1/21/04 memo from the UCC:

Jo
This is a very good memo, and exhibits the type of consideration that I believe is well within the purview of the committee.
Please share this sentiment with the committee.
Stephen Richters
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs