CURRICULUM REVIEW COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2004
3:15 P.M., 309 – F WATSON LIBRARY

Called to order:  3:20 p.m.
Adjourned:  3:46 p.m.

Members present:
Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Chair
Ms. Lillie Frazier Bell
Dr. Roger Chandler
Mr. Fleming Thomas
Mr. Steven Gruesbeck
Mr. John G. Williams
Dr. William Dickens
Ms. Shirley Cushio
Dr. Islam Rafiquel
Dr. Linda Roach
Dr. Marion Skiles
Dr. Lisa Wolfe

Guest Present:
Dr. Walter Creighton
Dr. Suzanne Disheroon-Green
Dr. Lisa Abney
Dr. Mieheal Bodri
Dr. Kathleen Byrd

I. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

A. Add following new courses for undergraduate credit:

✓ 1) CIS 2100 – Intermediate Application Programming (3-3-0).
✓ 2) CIS 2200 – Programming in Java (3-3-0).

B. Change the course title, course description, and syllabus for following undergraduate courses:

✓ 1) CIS 1010 – Introduction to Information Technology (3-3-0) to Introduction to Application Programming (3-3-0).
✓ 2) MGT 4350 – Japanese Management (3-3-0) to International Comparative Management (3-3-0).

ACTION: All items approved without opposition.

II. BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

A. Make the following changes to the Veterinary Technology (725) curriculum:

✓ 1) Change Mathematics 1020, 1060 in the 1st year of the curriculum to Mathematics core.
2) Add new footnote 2 and renumber following footnotes (3 and 4) as outlined in the revised curriculum layout.

ACTION: All items approved without opposition.

III. LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

A. Add the following new graduate level courses:

✓ 1) ENGL 6200 – Major Authors Seminar (3-3-0).
✓ 2) ENGL 6310 – The Literature of the Southern Renascence (3-3-0).
✓ 3) ENGL 6610 – Fundamentals of Linguistics (3-3-0).
✓ 4) ENGL 6890 – Grant Writing (3-3-0).
✓ 5) ENGL 6950 – Papers-in-lieu of Thesis (3-3-0).

ACTION: Per Graduate Council decision of 09/21/04 course title for ENGL 6950 changed to “Research Problems.” Beginning term for ENGL 6200, 6310, and 6610 was changed to Fall 2005. During the discussion phase Dr. Scheffler advised the council that more departments need to work on doing the same (splitting 4000 level classes that are currently offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit). He went on to state that proposals for additional 4000 level courses to be offered for both graduate and undergraduate credit will be discouraged in the future based on the fact that accrediting bodies are uncomfortable with such courses. All items approved (with noted amendments) without opposition.

Additional Business:

I. Dr. Scheffler requested the council consider a request by Recruiting to add the Heritage Resources program to the graduate application for admission for recruitment purposes. Dr. Scheffler advised the council that the program has met with approval from the Board and will be represented to the Graduate Council and the Curriculum Review Council with its final revisions in the near future. Dr. Byrd reiterated to the council that the request is for advertising and recruitment purposes and indicated that the first students to the two year program are expected for the Fall, 2005. Dr. Scheffler also mentioned the loss of the program in Anthropology and the Boards request that the university present a proposal for a companion undergraduate program that would feed into and compliment this Master’s program, which would make it the only one of its kind in the state.

ACTION: Motion to add the program to the graduate application approved without opposition.

II. Dr. Scheffler requested that the council advise their departments of the need to have updated syllabi submitted to the database for SACS. He informed the
council that syllabi are loaded into a single database where they are uploaded to a course when it is posted in Blackboard to be offered. He indicated that having outdated syllabi posted to the database holds the potential for problems. Dr. Scheffler also requested that the council consider, and be prepared to discuss and formulate a policy at the next meeting, on the question of what part of a syllabus is critical to meet the councils approval before it can be official recognized. Dr. Linda Roach made the comment that due to changes in terminology changes to course goals and objectives are inevitable. She also proposed that the council think about what it considers a substantial enough change to goals and objectives to warrant council review. Ms. Shirley Cashio questioned whether there is currently a format in place that syllabi must follow. The general conclusion of the council was that a format had once been in place but was no longer being used. Dr. Scheffler asked the council to also think about whether a format is desirable prior to the next meeting, pointing out the need to consider where academic freedom stops and practical consider should start. Discussion was closed with agreement to revisit the topic at the October 19, 2005 meeting.

Ms. Lillie Frazier Bell  
Registrar  
10/10/04  

Dr. Anthony Scheffler, Chair; Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs  
10/14/04  

Dr. Randall J. Webb, President  
10/15/04  

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