Course & Curriculum Minutes, 5/19/11

In attendance:
Karen Browning (BCH – Proxy)
Ruth Buskirk (UTeach/Mol. BIO)
Alan Cline (CS)
Kathy Davis (M)
Norma Fowler (Integrative BIO)
Nancy Hazen-Swann (HE)
Sacha Kopp (chair)
Phil Morrison (PHY)
Marty Shankland (BIO)
John Stanton (CH)
Derek Wills (AST – Proxy)

Guests:
Eve Nicols (TXA); David Hillis (DS); Sarah Simmons (DS); Mark Hemenway (DS);
Judith Quinney; Kim Williams

Absent:
Nigel Atkinson (Neuro BIO); Andy Ellington (BCH); Wayne Gardner (MNS); Greg Shields (AST)

I. Course Inventory – All course inventory forms will be distributed by no-protest e-mail vote at a later date for review and approval.

➢ Kim will distribute course inventory forms via e-mail to all committee members for a no-protest vote.

II. Proposed legislative changes to the B.S. Public Health degree. Addition of an Honors option.

David Hillis presented the proposed addition of the honors option.

The new public health honors option will provide a rigorous honors option for Dean’s Scholars interested in the field of public health.

➢ Approved by the committee with minor edits.
➢ Kim will assist the department with editing the impact statement and catalog text.

V. Proposed legislative changes to the B.S. Environmental Science degree. Addition of an Honors option.

David Hillis presented the proposed addition of the honors option.
The new environmental science honors option will provide a rigorous honors option for Dean’s Scholars interested in the field of environmental science.

- **Approved by the committee with minor edits.**
- **Kim will assist the department with editing the impact statement and catalog text.**

VI. Proposed legislative changes to the B.S. Textiles and Apparel degree. Addition of an Honors option.

Tabled until a review by the Dean’s Scholars council can adequately review.

- **Kim will forward copies of the legislation and impact statement to David Hillis and Sarah Simmons.**

VII. Proposed legislative changes to the B.A. with major in Biology degree.

Marty Shankland presented the proposed changes to the B.A. with major in Biology degree.

Applying course inventory changes to the degree.

- **Approved by the committee.**

VIII. Proposed legislative changes to the B.S. Biology degree.

Marty Shankland presented the proposed changes to the B.S. Biology degree.

Language clean-up; applying course inventory changes; modification of human biology and microbiology options.

- **Approved by the committee.**

IX. Proposed legislative changes to the Front Chapter Material (Chapter 12).

- **Tabled.**
- **Kim will distribute to committee members via e-mail for a no-protest vote.**

X. Proposed legislative changes to the number of hours required by the department if the total is the sum of the required courses in the following degrees:

- BS in Biochemistry, options I & II;
- BS in Computer Science, options I & IV;
- BS in Human Development and Family Sciences, options I, II, III, & IV;
- BS in Nutrition, options I, II, III, & V;
- BS in Physics, options I, II, & IV;
- BS in Textiles and Apparel, option II.

- **Approved by the committee.**
XI. Core Curriculum Science and Technology, Part I and II
A few courses on the Part II list do not fulfill the Part I area. These courses are designed to “address problems facing society today and in the future.”

a. Do the current courses still meet the criteria of addressing problems facing society today and in the future?
b. Are any of these courses more appropriate for Part I?
c. Are there other courses that could be added to Part II?

Committee members were asked to discuss these questions with their departments and report back to the committee chair with their findings.

The next meeting will be held on August 28, 2011.