Course & Curriculum Minutes, 3/27/12

In attendance:
Nancy Hazen-Swann (HE)
Sacha Kopp (chair)
Phil Morrison (PHY)
Bruce Porter (CS)
Stan Roux (BIO)
Lorenzo Sadun (Math)
Greg Shields (AST)
Ruth Buskirk (BIO/UTeach) by Proxy

Guests: Larry Abraham (UGS), Jenn Morgan (UGS), Tiffany Grady (CS)

Dean’s Office: Cathy Stacy, Judith Quinney, Kim Williams

Absent: Nigel Atkinson (NEU), Norma Fowler (IntBIO), Wayne Gardner (MNS), (John Stanton (CH)

I. Core Objectives
Larry Abraham from the School of Undergraduate Studies presented new THECB guidelines for core curriculum to contain specific core objectives. The core objectives are to be in place within core curriculum courses as of Fall 2014, concurrent with publishing of the 2014-16 catalog.

For Spring 2012, UGS asks that colleges forward exemplary syllabi already incorporating the required core objectives to be used as examples for altering courses. In Spring 2013, UGS will request revised core curriculum syllabi that incorporate the relevant core objectives.

Unlike flags, in which the attributes must be reflected in the final course grade, core objectives do not have to be reflected as a portion of the final course grade. Core objectives may be incorporated on a daily or occasional basis, and are not necessarily graded. However, they should be sufficiently incorporated so that students will be able to identify activities or experiences that reflected the core objectives.

CNS Enrollment Statistics
Due to limited time, Sacha briefly discussed the increase in CNS enrollment statistics both by CNS students and non-CNS students. There has been a marked increase in enrollments of CNS upper-division courses and research courses.

II. Course Inventory – All requests to change the course inventory were approved by the committee.

PHY (all courses) – change prerequisite
HDF 366/466 – change in contact hours/semester hour value
NTR 355H – change degree plan statement
C S 311 - add
C S 311H - add
C S 336 - drop
C S 336H – drop
C S x09 – change degree plan statement
• **Kim will work with the departments to ensure all changes to the course inventory are submitted via the Registrar’s online system by the November 1 deadline.**

III. Proposed legislative change to the BS Human Development and Family Sciences:
Nancy Hazen-Swann presented the proposed addition of Psychology 339 to list of courses that cannot count toward the BS HDFS degree.

• **Approved.**

IV. Computer Science departmental memo proposal

1) C S 313K/313H, 336/336H, and C S 311/311H

The department is now updating its core theory courses, and has a portion of the new curriculum in place. Effective Spring 2012, the department is replacing CS 313K and 336 with CS 311, Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science, replacing C S 313H and 336H with C S 311H, Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science: Honors.

For all active catalogs that require C S 313K and 336, make the following substitutions:

a. Students with credit for C S 313K will take C S 311 to replace C S 336 (no additional course is necessary).

b. Students without C S 313K will take C S 311 and 3 hours of upper-division computer science.

Rationale: The departmental undergraduate studies committee, with support of the faculty, determined that the C S 311/311H and 336/336H.

Note: C S 311 content was offered as 313K in recent semesters (Spring 2011 and Spring 2012) and will be offered as 378 until the new course number can be scheduled. The department will work with the dean’s office to identify affected students and handle their unique situations within the degree audit.

2) C S 345/345H

For the 2012-14 catalog, the Department of Computer Science addressed curriculum updates for its undergraduate degrees in the core areas of systems and programming. Effective Spring 2012, for all active catalogs that require C S 345/345H, students will take 3 hours of upper-division computer science in its place.

Rationale: Following the recent overhaul of the core programming courses, the department no longer feels it is necessary to require B.S. students take C S 345/345H, students may take any 3-hour upper division C S class.

• **Approved**

V. **Future Meetings:**
• Kim will send an email to the committee to poll which meeting time is preferred.