

FSHN Curriculum Committee
Minutes 8/30/06

Attending: Jean Anderson, Pat Murphy, Lester Wilson, Manju Reddy, Anne Oldham, Cheryll Reitmeier, Ruth Litchfield (invited speaker), Jean Tilley

I. Announcements:

It was moved to accept minutes of the August 23, 2006 meeting, which was passed by all.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, Sept. 1, 8-8:50 am, 1951 FSB, Food Science

Wednesday, September 6, at 8:00 a.m. in 209 MacKay

NOTE: Future Curriculum Committee Meetings were scheduled for the following Wednesdays in room 1121 HNSB from 2:00-4:00: Oct. 4, Oct. 18, and Nov. 29.

II. New Business

- a. Pat Murphy addressed the committee. Toxicology is asking to cross list their TOX 515 course with us as FSHN 515, which is taught as an on-line course. It was proposed that the course be cross-listed, but with Toxicology being in charge of the course. It was moved, and approved by all. Manju expressed thoughts about listing this as a cross-list with Nutrition in the future as well.
- b. Dropping FSHN 208 was ok from the College of Ag. Cheryll had not heard anything yet about Biol 313/314.
- c. Discussion took place regarding Suzanne Hendrich's suggestion of obtaining a covariant analysis of student performance in nutr/diet courses that have physiology as a prereq, after 2-3 years of trying out the options. Cheryll proposed that the Curriculum Committee request that the Outcomes Assessment Committee do some focused assessment related to this issue – asking them to study the questions. All were in agreement.
- d. Kevin had submitted a request on May 4th of last spring wanting to increase credits for FSHN 261. Cheryll had responded to him stating that it was too late, votes had been taken on May 2, but that the committee would continue to discuss his suggestion. Concerns were expressed that changing the credits for this class would change the entire curriculum count. All agreed that catalog deadlines had prevented the committee from acting on his request due to the late date it was received.

Anne suggested that perhaps in the future there be communication given to faculty explaining the timeline and number of decisions with which the committee was faced in order to complete the catalog submission in time.


Cheryll will tell Kevin that the issue will be on our agenda for October 4th meeting.

- e. Manju stated that Mike Spurlock proposed an experimental course 503X (a 2-credit course). Discussion regarding the graduate level class took place (undergraduates can attend with instructor permission).

- f. Cheryll asked for input regarding the curriculum ballot format that will be presented for faculty vote on September 11. The Dietetics Curriculum led to the most discussion. It was suggested that the ballot contain:

Biol 211L
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Micro 201L

Biol 256, 256L Micro 201L
or
306X + BBMB 311
or
335



Jean expressed concerns that by adding all the required credits, we have left the students no room to work with electives.

- g. Ruth spoke to the committee of concerns regarding the BS/MS Diet and Exercise curriculum. She reminded us that, when established, there were specifics attached to the program.
1. That it be a condensed 5-year program – time efficient – for the student.
 2. There must be an opt-out option.

Students apply in the fall of their junior year, and are told in the fall of their junior year, whether they are accepted into the program. Those that opt out or are not accepted at that point need to have a degree to fall back on that they could complete in 4 years. Changes to the Dietetics curriculum, therefore, are going to impact the BS/MS not for those who get accepted, but for those that opt out or need a fall-back. It would be extremely difficult to get them out in 4 years if they are not accepted into the program.

Discussion took place.

- h. The BS/MS options will be presented to faculty on the ballot. It was suggested that we compare hard copies of our catalog courses match with the on-line listings. Review was assigned as follows:

Pat will review the Food Science BS/MS
Manju will review the Nutrition BS/MS
Ruth will review the Diet & Exercise BS/MS

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.