Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 11, 2006 – 12:20 p.m.  
Sue Morris Distance Learning Center (AB213B)

Present: Emily Browning, Gayle Burkowski, Kathy Butler, Duane Chapman, Wayne de Rosset, Bruce Edinger, Denise Ellyson, Joe Evans, Sherry Jones, Daniel Reed, Deb Simon, Mike Smith, Patty Snyder

Absent: Marty Armentrout, Janet Bailey, Justin Nixon, Scott Smith

The minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting were approved.

BUSINESS – A proposal to clarify and strengthen the Accounting, Computer & Information Systems, Management and Marketing minor was reviewed. Dr. Burkowski moved the proposal be accepted as presented. Dr. Edinger seconded. Motion carried.

ENGLISH – A proposal to change the title of English 320 to better reflect course objectives and State Department of Education requirements was discussed. The title would be Backgrounds and Practices in Reading Children’s Literature. The course outline should indicate the prerequisite for ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 must require a grade of “C” or better. Mr. Reed moved the request be approved as discussed. Dr. Edinger seconded. Motion carried.

LAND RESOURCES – A curriculum summary sheet for Natural Resource Management with a Criminal Justice concentration was presented. This program has been developed in consultation with the Social Science department. Ms. Jones asked why 100-200 level block electives were listed when 300-400 level block electives were required. It was explained that the list of block electives is placed in the catalog at the beginning of the Natural Resource Management degree and not separately for each concentration. Dr. Evans moved to approve this proposal. Dr. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Biology 400 – Dr. Edinger made a motion and Ms. Jones seconded a request to modify the prerequisites for BIOL 400. The only prerequisite for BIOL 400 would be BIOL 101. Motion carried.

Natural Resource Management 493 – Dr. Evans made a motion and Mr. Reed seconded that the prerequisite for NRMT 493 be modified. The only prerequisite would be “consent of department chairperson”. Ms. Browning stated that it is understood that since this is a capstone course the gateway course must first be completed. Motion carried.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS – Dr. Evans explained that Trigonometry has almost disappeared from college offerings and the Mathematics Department is requesting the addition of a new course – MATH 120 – Pre-calculus which would replace MATH 103 – Plane Trigonometry. MATH 120 would be for 4 credit hours and would meet 4 days per week. The rationale for this course is that Math majors would bypass MATH 102 and this course would enable them to transition into the Calculus courses. It was noted that by eliminating the MATH 103 and adding MATH 120 the NRMT – Land Surveying Concentration would need to be modified and that the total hours for the Associate of Science – Land Surveying degree would increase to 69 hours. Dr. Simon made a motion to approve this request to replace MATH 103 with MATH 120. Mr. Reed seconded. Motion carried with one abstention (G. Burkowski). Motion carried.

Math 321 – The department is requesting a change for MATH 321 from 1 to 2 credit hours. Dr. Evans indicated that while this course had previously been reduced to 1 credit hour the course content remains 2 credit hours. The course outline had some typos to be corrected. Dr. Evans moved the request be approved as discussed. Mr. Reed seconded. Motion carried.

SOCIAL SCIENCE – Dr. Smith presented a proposal to restructure the Global Studies minor. The primary reason for this request is the fact that there is no longer a full-time faculty member to teach Geography and the courses cannot be offered. Mr. Chapman moved the request be approved as presented. Dr. Smith seconded. Motion carried.
Course Prerequisites – Dr. Smith indicated that the faculty in the Social Science department had reviewed the prerequisites for CRJU 222, several PSYC and SOCL courses and SOCS 293. After the review, new course outlines were submitted to Academic Affairs. Dr. Smith is requesting approval of the faculty recommendations for changes in course prerequisites. Dr. Simon moved the request to modify course prerequisites be approved. Ms. Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. de Rosset stated that because of the volume of paper the modified course outlines would require an executive decision was made to have the outlines available for review but not provided to each individual.

NRMT Proposal - The remaining item was a proposal from Dr. Kathy Butler regarding the requirement of 45 upper division hours for the Natural Resource Management degree programs. Dr. Butler explained that since the approval of this baccalaureate degree there have been ongoing issues regarding the upper division hours. The intent of this proposal is to require upper division hours in the block electives to meet the 45 hour upper division hour requirement for baccalaureate degree programs.

This proposal allows for an additional upper division course to be added to the list of block electives. The additional course would be NRMT 389 – Community Service. The credit hours for NRMT 389 are variable 1-3 hours.

For illustration of the impact of this proposal upon the use of “block electives” to satisfy the 45 hour requirement of baccalaureate programs, see below:

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Ms. Browning stated that while it appears there are a lot of electives some courses are not available because of the limited faculty. Dr. Edinger asked about the number of students interested in graduate school. Ms. Browning indicated that at this time there are a few but that students completing Forestry or Land Surveying typically go to work. Dr. Edinger stated that this proposal would aid the students in their admission to graduate school.

Ms. Browning indicated that Mr. Sypolt was concerned that this proposal would draw attention to Forestry and Land Surveying and that those programs would come under attack. Dr. Butler explained that was not her intent. She indicated that with the Associate of Science degrees in both Forestry and Land Surveying it was understood that those programs consisted primarily of 100-200 level courses. Dr. Evans also indicated that he knows of no intent to modify the Natural Resource Management Forestry and Land Surveying programs.
Dr. Evans made a motion to require the use of upper division block electives to address the 45-hour requirement for the Natural Resource Management Program. Mr. Reed seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. de Rosset requested a final meeting for this semester be scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 12:20 p.m. Hearing no objection agenda items will be forthcoming for a meeting on the 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. after no further discussion.