

Curriculum Committee Meeting

October 6, 2020

Present: Jeff Bryson, Mari Clements, Kaitlin Ensor, Rico Gazal, Jonathan Minton, Sara Sawyer

Virtual: Schuyler Chapman, Denise Ellyson, Dwight Heaster, Cheryl McKinney, Connie O'Dell, David O'Dell, Ann Reed, Will Vann

Virtual Guest: Nabil Nasser

Absent: Jeff Hunter, Gary Morris, Jasmine Tarman

The minutes for the September 22, 2020 meeting were approved. (Bryson/Heaster)

Land Resources

Dr. Gazal presented a request to modify the credit hours for two courses in the Geographic Information System certificate. LAND 243 – Introduction to Drone Technology modified to 2 credit hours and LAND 244 - Remote Sensing & Aerial Photo Interpretation reduced to 1 credit hour. LAND 244 is currently 1 credit hour in the associate and baccalaureate forestry and land surveying programs. LAND 243 is taught by a certified pilot, and mandatory flight, aerial imaging, processing and analysis is required. Dr. Gazal will provide the credit/clock hour audit form for LAND 243 to reflect the change in hours.

Dr. Gazal requested Dr. Nasser to speak to the title change for ENVR 351. Dr. Nasser indicated graduates need a set number of Soil Science courses to be eligible for state and federal positions. There is no change in the course content. Dr. Nasser indicated there is data to show the course title is the only hang up for our graduates.

Dr. Sawyer reminded members to review the procedures and provide the necessary documentation for curricular changes. Changes approved this semester will be included in the 2021-2022 GSC catalog.

Dr. Sawyer asked departments about upcoming changes.

Social Science – Change Behavioral Science to Psychology major, add an Appalachian Studies major under History and Political Science, change course from Sociology to Criminal Justice.

Land Resources – Modification to Land Surveying curriculum

Fine Arts – Bluegrass certificate electives

Business – Modify AS in Business degree

Language and Literature – Department changes submitted in Spring after discussing with Dr. Morris

Education – changes to reflect required year-long residency

Dr. Clements made a plea for concise course titles.

Dr. O'Dell indicated the need to have a rotation for reviewing and updating course outlines for the Higher Learning Commission.

Patty Snyder