

MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
3:00 P.M., September 26, 2013  
Library 401

Jennifer Peters called meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. after a quorum was reached.

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Mr. Haifeng Ji, Dr. Steven Shore, Ms. Lori Farr, Mr. Chris Verschage, Dr. Susan Tabor, Dr. Jim Schwark, Ms. Barbara Gowdy, Ms. Tammy Madden, Mr. Greg Mellot, Mr. Mathew Price, Ms. Robyn Senter, Ms. Lisa Buckelew, Dr. Haining Chen, Ms. Terri Walker, Dr. Greg Holland

**Absent Voting Members:** Ms. Cecilia Pittman, Mr. Michael Machiorlatti, Ms. Gina Villamizar, Dr. Stephanie Hayes, Ms. Stephanie Wallace

**Non-voting Members in Attendance:** Ms. Jennifer Peters, Ms. Catherine Kinyon

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:** Ms. Rachel Butler, Mr. Harold Case

**Absent Ex-Officio Members:** Mr. Greg Gardner, Dr. Marion Paden,

**Others in Attendance:** Dr. Max Simmons

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of September 19<sup>th</sup> minutes by silent assent.

**General Education Update:** No updates

**Non-Substantive Changes:** No updates

**Curriculum Proposal-Engineering-Course and Curriculum Pattern Modification**

The Engineering program faculty propose to change the current prerequisite - ENGL 1213 English Composition II- for ENGR 2002 Professional Development and make ENGL 1213 a corequisite for ENGR 2002. This change benefits students in two ways. First, the change would permit beginning engineering students to meet with program faculty earlier in their program. Second, the course content of ENGL 1213 and ENGR 2002 are believed to be more beneficial for students if taken at the same time. To accomplish this, ENGR 2002 will be moved to the Freshman second semester from the Sophomore first semester and the US history course choice will be moved from the Freshman second semester to the Sophomore first semester.

In addition, the Engineering program faculty propose to update their major and support electives to reflect changes in course requirements at transfer institutions. First, they propose to remove the "faculty approved" from both major and support electives. A list of acceptable approved electives is provided from which the student is permitted to choose. Second, the program faculty propose to add ENGR 2303 to the existing list of Major electives. Finally, they propose the addition CAT 1214, CS 1143, and GEOL 1114 to the existing support electives.

Motion to approve the modification of ENGR 2002 was made by Ms. Robyn Senter and seconded by Dr. Jim Schwark.

For 13; Against 0; Motion Carried

Motion to approve the modification to the Engineering curriculum pattern by removing “faculty approved” from major and support electives, adding to and updating the approved major and support course list, and a small reordering of course order to accommodate change to ENGR 2002 was made by Dr. Jim Schwark and seconded by Dr. Steven Shore.

For 14; Against 0; Motion Carried

**Curriculum Proposal-** Engineering-New Course Addition

The Engineering program faculty propose the addition of new course, ENGR 1011 Metal Cutting and Welding. Many employers of young engineers indicate that these students are prepared academically but lack a basic understanding of how things fit together and how to communicate with shops fabricators. The new Metal Cutting and Welding course will give students a chance to have hands on experience with fabrication techniques.

Motion to approve the addition of the new course, ENGR 1011 Metal Cutting and Welding was made by Dr. Jim Schwark and seconded by Dr. Susan Tabor.

For 15; Against 0; Motion Carried

**Curriculum Proposal-** Physical Science Course Modification

The MEPS faculty propose the modification of PHYS 1011 Physical Science Laboratory. This course is designed to allow students who have taken the three hour Physical Science course (PHYS 1013) and find they need to complete the General Education laboratory requirement. This course will no longer be offered for Geology, Earth Sciences or Astronomy students. A new one hour laboratory course for Astronomy was added Spring 2013.

Motion to approve the modification of PHYS 1011 Physical Science Laboratory restricting the course to students who have taken PHYS 1013 and need to meet a laboratory requirement was made by Dr. Jim Schwark and seconded by Ms. Robyn Senter.

For 14; Against 0; Abstain 1; Motion Carried

**Curriculum Proposal-** International Business-Certificate Deletion

The business division established this certificate based upon business interest. Since this certificate was created, the certificate has had very limited enrollment in the courses and only one student is actively enrolled in the certificate program. Business support has not developed to support this effort. Therefore, the business department proposes the deletion of this certificate. The International Business courses will continue to be offered as business support courses.

Motion to approve the deletion of the Certificate of Mastery in International Business was made by Mr. Matthew Price and seconded by Dr. Susan Tabor.

For 14; Against 0; Motion Carried

Next meeting agenda will be sent out soon, with no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 P.M.