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At the Curricular Affairs Committee's meeting of February 26, 2001 the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I

Informational Matter

College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences

CHANGE: Title and description for NFS 110:

NFS 110 Introduction to Nutrition and Dietetics (1) Description of the educational and experiential requirements of a Registered Dietitian and a Nutritionist. Career opportunities discussed. Designed for students entering the Nutrition and Dietetics major. (Lec. 1)

SECTION II

Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Biological Sciences

a. ADD: The following courses:
1) BIO 101 Principles of Biology I (4) Chemistry, structure, metabolism, and reproduction of cells. Principles of genetics. Structure, development, and physiology of animals. Survey of the animal kingdom. (Lec. 3, Lab. 2)


3) BIO 348 Plant Physiology Laboratory (1) Laboratory methods in plant physiology, including experimental design and reporting. Techniques include water potential measurement, chromatography, spectrophotometry, enzyme assay, tissue culture, bioassay, protein extraction, and gel electrophoresis. (Lab. 3) Pre: 346, may be taken concurrently.

b. DELETE: The following courses effective June 2002:

1) BIO 112 General Botany
2) BIO 113 General Zoology

2. Department of Chemistry

ADD: CHM 391 Forensic Science Overview (1) A seminar/discussion group designed to introduce students to the areas and issues in Forensic Science. Students seeking a forensic science minor should attend this weekly seminar two semesters. (Lec. 1) May be repeated for a total of 3 credits.

3. Department of Communication Studies

ADD: COM 360 Audio Communication in the Media (3) Examination of techniques and production of audio communication. Explores elements of audio communication including radio drama, commercials, news reporting, sports commentary, monologues, narration and voice-over work. (Lec. 3)

B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Marine Affairs

CHANGE: Mathematics requirement for the B.S. in Coastal and Marine Policy to: MTH 111 or 131.
2. Department of Nutrition and Food Science

a. ADD: NFS 227 Introduction to Food (3) Relationship of food to nutrition and organic chemistry. Use of nutrition guides to plan menus for populations of different ages and/or cultural backgrounds. (Lec. 2, Lab 2)

b. DELETE: NFS 237 Introductory Food Science

c. CHANGE: Credits for NFS 236 to "1" and method of instruction to "(Lab. 2)."

d. CHANGE: Curriculum for Major in Nutrition and Dietetics effective Fall 2001:

1) Revise second paragraph under Nutrition and Dietetics to read as follows:

The major requires eleven credits in introductory professional courses including NFS 110, 207, 227, 236, and 276; 21-22 credits in sciences (4 in general chemistry, 4 in organic chemistry, 7-8 in biology, 4 in microbiology, and 3 in biochemistry), 3 credits in statistics, and 25-29 credits in the concentration including the following courses: NFS 394, 395, 410, 441, 443, and 458 [capstone]. WRT 101 and COM 101 are required and may be used to fulfill General Education requirements. There are 19-24 credits of supporting electives and 12 credits of free electives. A total of 123 credits is required for graduation.

2) Revise description of the Dietetics option to read as follows:

The Dietetics Option is required of all students planning to become Registered Dietitians. The Dietetics Program is currently granted developmental accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312/899-5400. This option provides students with the academic background in clinical, community, and administrative dietetics. In addition to the core courses specified for the major, the following courses are required: NFS 337, 375, 376, 444 and MGT 300. SOC 100 and PSY 113 are also required and may be used to fulfill General Education requirements. Students are encouraged to use supporting elective and free elective courses to study disciplines related to the field.
After completing the Bachelor of Science requirements, students can qualify for the professional title of Registered Dietitian by completing supervised practice requirements and passing a national exam. The supervised practice requirement is met by completing an ADA-accredited dietetic internship program available to students on a competitive basis nationwide. Internships may be combined with graduate programs in universities leading to an advanced degree. Students completing academic and supervised practice requirements become eligible to take the national registration examination.

C. The 4-year rule

1. Section 8.81.62 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

a. DELETE: The following courses:

   COM 331
   PSY 391, 456
   WRT 123

b. RETAIN: The following courses:

   CHN 101, 102, 103, 104
   CLS 235
   FRN 391, 393, 473, 474
   GER 315, 316, 392, 421
   ITL 309
   LAT 310
   POR 205, 206, 335, 336, 497
   PSY 471
   RUS 205, 322, 325, 460, 461
   SPA 391, 392, 393, 450
2. Suspended Courses

ADD: The following new section 8.81.63 to the UNIVERSITY MANUAL on suspended courses:

8.81.63 In exceptional situations the Curricular Affairs Committee or the Graduate Council may decide that although a course identified under the procedure in 8.81.62 does not meet the criteria for retention, there is sufficient expectation that it may be taught within the next four years. Under these circumstances the appropriate committees may classify the course as suspended. Suspended courses shall be removed from the catalog and other publications but may be taught. If a suspended course is not taught during the subsequent four-year period, it will be deleted automatically from the curricular offerings. When a suspended course is taught within the four-year period, the department may request that the course description be reinstated without further review.

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SECTION III

Joint Report of the Curricular Affairs Committee and Graduate Council on 400-Level Courses.

At the January 29 and February 26, 2001 meetings of the Curricular Affairs Committee and the March 2, 2001 meeting of the Graduate Council the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

A. Informational Matters

1. College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Computer Science and Statistics

CHANGE: Prerequisite for STA 409 to "Pre: MTH 131 or 141."

2. College of Engineering

*Department of Ocean Engineering

3. College of Environment and Life Sciences

*Department of Nutrition and Food Science

CHANGE: Title and description for NFS 410:

NFS 410 Professional Issues in Nutrition and Dietetics (1) Professional issues in the field of nutrition and dietetics. Topics include career choices; evaluation of journal articles; and registration, licensing, and certification. (Lec. 1) Pre: 395 and senior standing. Not for graduate credit.

4. College of Human Science and Services

School of Education

CHANGE: Prerequisite for EDC 425 to "Pre: prior or concurrent enrollment in 424."

B. Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

1. College of Arts and Sciences

a. Department of Biological Sciences

CHANGE: Level, number, description, method of instruction and prerequisite for BIO 447:

BIO 346 (447) Plant Physiology (3) Development and function of vascular plants, including energy and nutrient assimilation, growth, reproduction, and interactions with other organisms and the physical environment. (Lec. 3) Pre: CHM112, 1 semester of chemistry, or permission of instructor.

b. Department of Communication Studies
*ADD: COM 410 Humor in Communication (3) Examination of genres, history, content, structure and performance styles of presentational comedy. Exploration of role of humor in society. Development of original materials for public performance. (Lec. 3) Not for graduate credit.

2. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences

1) ADD: NFS 443 Nutrition Assessment (3) Evaluation of nutritional status by dietary assessment, anthropometric measures, and nutrition-related health indicators. Practice in body composition assessment, interpreting dietary and laboratory data, and nutrition counseling. (Lec. 2, Lab 2)

2) DELETE: NFS 421 Food Analysis

3. College of Human Sciences and Services

School of Education

CHANGE: Title, credits, description and prerequisite for the following courses:


* b) EDC 429 Emergent Literacy and Storytelling (2) Theoretical foundations and practical applications of emergent reading, writing and language development including field-based storytelling experiences at Early Childhood Sites. Focuses on children birth-six years. (Lec. 2) Pre: Portfolio interview/ acceptance into ECE Teaching program, (except summer). Prior or concurrent enrollment in 424 (except summer). Not for graduate credit.

*No action by Graduate Council. Not for graduate credit.