

CELS Curriculum Committee Minutes – October 4, 2013

Committee members:

BIO – Evan Preisser

CMB – Linda Hufnagel

ENRE – Jim Opaluch

FAVS – Katherine Petersson

GEO – Brian Savage

LAR – Bill Gordon

MAF – Tracey Dalton

NFS – Cathy English, Chair

NRS – Peter Paton

PLS – Rebecca Brown

1. Review of minutes from the August 29th meeting

Action: The minutes were approved with 2 corrections (date of the meeting and the spelling of Evan's name). It was recommended that the minutes be provided to the committee prior to the meeting. In the future, the minutes will be included on the Sakai site one week in advance of the meeting.

2. Review of CELS website

Action: The committee reviewed the new website. Cathy will take down the Faculty Sakai site now.

3. Updates from the CAC, Graduate Council, and Faculty Senate

Action: Materials from the University curriculum committee meeting were reviewed. Electronic copies of the materials will be sent to the members so they can be forwarded to the faculty in each department. We discussed the confusion surrounding J term; Cathy will try to find out more information to present at the CELS faculty meeting, and will possibly find a J term representative to come to a future meeting.

4. Proposals under Review:

1. LAR 444 – Landscape Architecture Studio III – course change proposal
(description, prerequisites, and addition of graduate credit)

Action: Approved with the removal of statement “graduate students to be evaluated more on writing” from the course scale.

2. LAR 445 – Landscape Architecture Studio IV – course change proposal
(description, prerequisites, and addition of graduate credit)

Action: Approved with the removal of statement “graduate students to be evaluated more on writing” from the course scale.

3. MESM – addition of Environmental Planning and Design track

Action: Approved with the change in credits for planning courses from 8

credits to 9 credits (and total credits changed from 12-16 credits to 13-16 credits)

4. NRS 475X – Addition of a temporary course

Action: Approved with the following changes: course proposal form: addition of 'travel required; additional costs apply'; course syllabus: 1) the course designation needs to be NRS 475X, Anya's last name needs to be consistent on the syllabus and the course proposal, 3) correct 2 typos under course structure, and 4) add times under the headings of morning, afternoon, and evening (Morning 9-11AM, for example); and email from BIO stating that there is no overlap with BIO 475 and that they support the proposal. Cathy checked with Nancy Neff and there is no need for a letter of support from the Office of International Education.