

CANR Curricula and Courses Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2010

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Darre at 2:02 pm. Members present: Marilyn Altebello, Rhonda Brownbill, Mike Darre, George Elliott, Cameron Faustman, Sal Frasca, Susan Gregoire, Pat Jepson, Richard Mancini (sitting in for Gary Kazmer) and Mark Rudnicki. (Excused: Pat Jepson)

II The Minutes of November 19, 2010 were approved as revised to correct wording of some catalog copy.

III. Old Business: The transfer admission process for students wishing to be NUSC majors was discussed and the committee is awaiting the final vote of the NUSC faculty. The committee agreed to an electronic vote on the final copy of the motion.

Students not admitted to the University as Nutritional Sciences majors may petition into this major during the first two weeks of each semester. The following petition requirements must be met for consideration of a major change into the Nutritional Sciences major:

1. Earned at least a C in CHEM 1124Q or CHEM 1127Q, *and a C-* in CHEM 2241 or CHEM 2243
2. Earned at least a B in NUSC 1165 and NUSC 2200

CANR CC 10-11-131R2 Motion Passed (Electronic voting)

IV. New Business

A. Agriculture and Resource Economics moved to approve the following actions:

1. REVISE: Catalog Copy for ARE Majors: Effective Immediately

Current Catalog Copy:

All Resource Economics majors must pass ARE 1150 or ECON 1201. These courses may also fulfill the general education requirements of the University. Students must also take either ARE 3261W or 3440W to fulfill their writing in the major requirement. The advanced information literacy requirement is fulfilled with either ARE 3261W or 3440W. There are no advanced requirements for computer technology.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

All Resource Economics majors must pass ARE 1150 or ECON 1200 or ECON 1201; and ARE 3150. Students must also pass either ARE 3261W or 3440W to fulfill their writing in the major requirement. The advanced information literacy requirement is fulfilled with

either ARE 3261W or 3440W. There are no advanced requirements for computer technology.

Motion Passed CANR CC 10-11-59

B. Allied Health Science

1. REVISE: MT 3361 to include course component of laboratory and change the name of the course. Effective Immediately.

Current catalog copy: (as written in the 11-12 catalog draft)

3361. Molecular Techniques for Medical Technologists
(215) (Formerly offered as MT 3361.) Both semesters. Two credits. Prerequisite: BIOL 1107 and CHEM 1124Q and 1125Q or 1127Q and 1128. Open only to Medical Laboratory Sciences majors.

Theory and techniques of molecular diagnostic testing in clinical settings, including DNA isolation, blotting techniques and polymerase chain reaction. A fee of \$35 is charged for this course.

Revised catalog copy: (*add component; title change*) (Note this will be MLSC 3361)

3361. Molecular Techniques for **Medical Laboratory Scientists**
(215) (Formerly offered as MT 3361.) Both semesters. Two credits. **1 hour of lab and 1 hour of lecture**. Prerequisite: BIOL 1107 and CHEM 1124Q and 1125Q or 1127Q and 1128Q. Open only to Medical Laboratory Sciences majors.

Theory and techniques of molecular diagnostic testing in clinical settings, including DNA isolation, blotting techniques and polymerase chain reaction. A fee of \$35 is charged for this course.

Rational for changes:

a) Component change: MT 3361 is approved by the AMF committee to have lab fees attached to it. However, the catalog does not have this course listed as a laboratory course. This then defaults the course in the scheduling system to a lecture. As a lecture, the Bursar's Office cannot attach the lab fee. We need to include a statement in the catalog copy designating this course as a lab course so scheduling can correctly code the course component. This course has always been taught predominantly as a lab course with some lecture components (see syllabus). Failure to correct this problem will mean that students will not be charged the lab fee in the spring and therefore the dept will need to assume the laboratory costs.

b) Name change: Due to the change in the professional name, the title of technologists will now be Laboratory Scientists. Changing the name of the course will better reflect what practitioners will be called.

Motion Passed CANR CC 10-11-60

C. Other Departmental Business. NONE

V. Report from Academic Programs:

A. Cameron Faustman provided a handout on the Protocol for School Changes to be followed by departments with the CANR. This will be posted on the college Intranet site.

VI. Other Business: The level of individual department autonomy on making restrictions on transfer students into each major was discussed. Some of the points made were that if requirements are too restrictive, then that major may eventually lose potential students. How do we petition the university to provide more resources for departments with increasing enrollments and transfers to meet their demand? When restrictions are set in place, what happens to the students that don't meet those requirements? Do they go to other CANR majors or other majors at UConn or just leave the university altogether? What is the role of advisement? If you have too many students, can they be properly advised?

This brought out another issue, that of what is to be done with students who are not in good standing academically and wish to change majors? If they are not in good standing then they may not be accepted into another major, and thus are left to fail in their present one. Seems like a Catch 22 situation.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm. The next meeting will be on January 21, 2011.

