

CANR Curricula and Courses Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2013
1:00 pm York Room George White Building

I The meeting was called to order at 1:18 pm. Members present: : Marilyn Altobello, Rhonda Brownbill, Mike Darre, George Elliott, Sal Frasca, Susan Gregoire, Pat Jepson, Gary Kazmer, and Mark Rudnicki.

II. The Minutes of March 1, 2013 were checked again and minor typos were found and corrected. The minutes were approved.

III. Old Business:

- A. The AG Biotech Minor is being reviewed by the minor committee and will send forth changes to the CANR CC committee sometime in the near future.

- B. Animal Science was not yet contacted about the inclusion of CHEM 2443, 2444 and 2445 as courses that might be used to fulfill the Organic Chemistry requirement as part of the requirements for the major. They will be contacted by Gary Kazmer.

IV. New Business:

- A. Plant Science and Landscape Architecture proposed the following changes:
 - 1. **ADD:** PLSC 5898 Phytotechnology: Use of Plants for Ecosystem Services Effective Fall 2013
Proposed Catalog Copy:
PLSC 5898. Phytotechnology: Use of Plants for Ecosystem Services
Principles of sustainable landscapes and ecological enhancement using planted systems. Modification of urban environments with streetscaping, green roofs and green walls. Phytoremediation of soil pollution and brownfield reclamation. Bioretention for integrated water resource management. Role of planted systems in biodiversity conservation and climate change.

MOTION PASSED CANR CC 12-13-80

C. Allied Health Sciences

- 1. **ADD:** AH 4297/W: Honors Project/Thesis in Allied Health Sciences. Effective Fall 2013.

MOTION TABLED CANR CC 12-13-81

(The committee feels that Projects and Thesis are different and can be separated. Since the Senate CC Guidelines state that xx87 and xx97 course numbers are reserved for Honors Thesis then the AH 4297W should be the Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences. A separate course for the project could come under xx89 undergraduate research. A possible third course could be xx89W.

So you might offer the following:

- AH 4289 Undergraduate Research in Allied Health Sciences
- AH 4289W Undergraduate Research in Allied Health Sciences
- AH 4297W Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences)

V. Report from Academic Programs:

Pat Jepson said the dean received information on the number of potential undergraduates that have been sent offer letters to attend UConn and the CANR is up 34% since last year, from 462 to 623, so we might see an increase in our overall student numbers in the fall.

She also noted that the Math department is changing some of their offerings and will be phasing out MATH 1040 and students will now go from MATH 1060 right to MATH 1131. There is a new quantitative test our incoming students may take called ALEKS. According to their website: *ALEKS is an adaptive, online learning program that is **proven to significantly raise grades, retention, and pass rates** at higher education institutions around the world. By providing effective, individualized learning in an open-response environment, ALEKS quickly resolves college-readiness and course mastery issues for millions of students.*

We also discussed the scheduling changes being implemented for the fall of 2013. All MWF classes will now have 15 minutes between them and TU TH classes will follow the specialized 75 minute schedule for TU TH still with 15 minutes between classes. This will cause some major shifting of schedules within CANR. The full implication of these changes have not yet been determined.

VI. Other Business: None

VII. The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2013 at 1:00 pm in GW York Room.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm