

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL
November 30, 2007
101 Whitehurst Conference Room
MINUTES

1. Degree Requests
Action: Approval

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, BS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES
(004)

Program Modification: Option Deletion

Option Deletion: Computer Science Double Major

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources requests the option deletion as there is a lack of interest in the option. No students have graduated in the option for several semesters. Most students expressing an interest in the double major are more interested in management information systems than computer science.

Approved

AGRIBUSINESS, BS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES (263)

Program Modification: Option Addition

Option Addition: Crop and Soil Science

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources requests the option addition to provide students the opportunity to meet the needs of potential employers in Agribusiness firms working in areas related to plant and soil science.

Approved

ENTOMOLOGY, BS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES (088)

Program Modifications: Option Addition and Option Name Change

Option Addition: Pre-Med, Pre-Vet and Forensics

Option Name Change: General Entomology to Insect Biology and Ecology

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources requests the program modifications to convert the General Entomology option from one option with two emphasis areas to two separate options. The proposed changes will allow the department to better tailor the curriculum to meet the needs of the students.

Option name change approved.

Returned to Department with suggested option name change to Entomology Forensics

HORTICULTURE, BS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES (128)

Program Modifications: Option Addition, Option Deletion, and Program Requirement Change

Option Addition: (1) Horticulture Science and (2) Horticulture Business

Option Deletion: Horticulture

Program Requirement Change: (1) Course Requirement Change, (2) Degree Program Requirement Change, and (3) Total Credit Hour Change.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources requests the option addition and program requirements changes to better serve the students and industry. The option deletion is requested as it is being replaced by the new option additions. The new options will have been reduced to 120 total hours required, primarily by reducing the number of required elective courses.

Approved

PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCES, BS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES (014)
Program Modification: Option Addition and Option Name Change

Option Additions: (1) Business, (2) Forage and Livestock Production, (3) Plant Biotechnology, and (4) Soil Geotechnology.

Option Name Change: (1) Ecosystem Management to Bioenergy Production and (2) Soil Science to Soil and Water Management.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources requests the option additions and the option name changes because the reorganization of faculty in Agriculture changed the professional disciplines within the unit.

Option additions (except Business) and option name change were approved.

Returned to Department with suggested name option change of Business to Agribusiness because option does not contain courses from Spears School of Business.

College of Arts and Sciences

RUSSIAN & EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (420)
CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (405)
LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (419)
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (422)
AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (421)
ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE (417)
ASIAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (418)
Program Modification: Program Deletions

The College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University requests program deletions for area studies certificates. The certificates were suspended three years ago when they were converted to minors.

Approved

College of Education

AEROSPACE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS, BS (247)
Program Modification: Program Requirement Change

Program Requirement Change: Degree Program Requirement Change

The College of Education at Oklahoma State University requests the program requirement change as the faculty recommends that the overall GPA required for the BS degree be raised to 2.5 from 2.0. The program's advisory council recommended the change to put forth the most capable students for consideration for internships and jobs.

Approved

2. Identifying Linked Course Sections – Celeste Campbell

Instruction Council members discussed the linked course proposal, however, they did not support the proposal to change one number in the section number to a letter to identify linked courses on SIS. Members felt that the change had the potential to cause problems in the future so they agreed it would be best to use the other strategies (Eprint report, comments on the student SISWEB screens, etc.) for the first year.

3. Holistic Admission – Albert Colom

Instruction Council members were supportive of the proposed “Review Process for First-Time Freshman Meeting Minimum Comprehensive University State Admission Requirements” as described by Albert Colom. Members agreed that it would not be necessary to require students admitted under this proposal to participate in additional transitional program support unless their performance shows they need additional services.

4. College Deans Tours of Texas – Albert Colom

Undergraduate Admissions is working on securing meeting locations for the Texas trip. Karen Lucas will contact members as soon as the locations are confirmed.

5. Proposed Degree Offerings at OSU-Tulsa

Raj Basu updated Instruction Council members on OSU-Tulsa’s intention to gain permission to expand undergraduate degree offerings as soon as resources are available. The list of possible degrees will probably be reduced from the original proposal to about eight degrees (e.g., English, Sociology, History, Psychology, Accounting, Economics, Secondary Education, Athletic Training, and Construction Management)

6. Other

Shiretta Ownbey raised the question of the adequacy of career services fee allocations. Should the allocation to the colleges be increased? Members indicated fee allocations were adequate or the college found other sources of revenue to support career services salaries and activities.

Adjourn: 10:30 a.m.