

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

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Present: Raj Basu, Celeste Campbell, Bruce Crauder, Bob Davis, Bavette Miller, Ed Miller, Shiretta Ownbey, Mark Payton, Jeremy Penn, Jean Van Delinder, Mark Weiser, Carol Moder, Gene Halleck, Larry Hoberock, and Gail Gates.

1. Curricular Requests

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP, BS ASNR (458)

Program Modification: Option Additions

Option Additions: 1) International Studies and 2) Extension Education

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests the option additions as the new options are designed to meet the specific needs of Agricultural Leadership majors interested in future careers serving organizations working outside the United States and with extension education.

Members approved.

AGRIBUSINESS, BS ASNR (263)

Program Modification: Option Addition

Option Addition: Agricultural Communications Double Major

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests the option addition to serve the stated needs of students who have expressed a desire to combine Agribusiness and Agricultural Communications, to inform students of the requirements to do so, and to meet the needs of potential employers who seek employees with this combined knowledge and skill set.

Members approved.

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS, BS ASNR (013)

Program Modification: Option Addition and Program Requirement Change

Option Addition: Agribusiness Double Major

Program Requirement Change: Course and degree requirement changes and reduction in total credit hours

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests the addition of an Agribusiness double major option to serve the stated needs of students who have expressed a desire to combine these two disciplines, to inform students of the requirements to do so, and to meet the needs of potential employers who seek employees with this combined knowledge and skill set. In addition, the department requests a decrease in the total credit hours for the option in Animal Science Double Major from 135 to 130 hours.

Members approved.

ANIMAL SCIENCE, BS ASNR (018)
Program Modification: Program Requirement Change

Program Requirement Change: Course and degree requirement changes and reduction in total credit hours
The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests a program requirement change reducing the total credit hours from 135 to 130 on the Agricultural Communications Double Major option.

Members approved.

FOOD SCIENCE, BS ASNR (361)
Program Modification: Option Addition

Option Addition: Meat Science

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests an option addition of Meat Science. Employers have expressed a desire to hire graduates that are identified with specific expertise in meat science.

Members approved.

NATURAL RESOURCE ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, BS ASNR (101)
Program Modification: Option Additions, Option Deletions, and Option Name Change

Option Additions: 1) Wildlife Biology & Preveterinary Science and 2) Natural History & Conservation

Option Deletions: 1) Natural Resource Communications, 2) Forest Resource Conservation, 3) Urban & Community Forestry, and 4) Applied Landscape Ecology.

Option Name Change: Forest Management to Forest Ecology and Management

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests the addition of an option in Wildlife Biology & Preveterinary Science to provide a broad ecological background and training in natural wildlife science and population dynamics. An addition of an option in Natural History and Conservation is requested to provide students with a broad integrated science background in natural history, ecology, and conservation of plants, animals, and ecosystems. The option deletions: Very few students have pursued the Communications option and minimal expertise exists among Natural Resource Ecology and Management (NREM) faculty to keep it viable. Two existing options in forestry will be deleted, and the third existing option will be renamed to Forest Ecology and Management to serve all students. The Applied Landscape Ecology option has not been offered.

Members approved.

PRE-VETERINARY SCIENCE, BS ASNR (175)
Program Deletion

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University requests the program deletion as the program was suspended until October 2010 and no students were enrolled in the program after the Fall 2008 semester.

Members approved.

College of Education

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE, MS (117) Program Modification: Option Addition

Option Addition: Athletic Training

The College of Education at Oklahoma State University requests the option addition as nationally over 70% of the practicing clinicians in Athletic Training hold masters degrees but very few of these degrees are within the specific discipline of Athletic Training. The Athletic Training profession and its national association (National Athletic Trainers' Association) are promoting more post-professional graduate athletic training education programs.

Members approved.

2. **VERSANT and ITA Performance – Jeremy Penn, Carol Moder, and Gene Halleck**

Students are required by state law to be proficient in English in order to serve as teaching assistants. Students who do not receive satisfactory scores on the TOEFL iBT or the IELTS tests are required to take the Versant, so the students who take the Versant represent the lower third of students testing. A high percentage of students who take the Versant are failing and it has been asked if the cut off scores might be too high. It was noted that the TOEFL iBT and the Versant tests measure different constructs. Dr. Carol Moder suggested requiring the IBT and no longer using the TELP. Members expressed that they would like to see results from benchmarking the Versant vs. the ITA. Carol will put together a plan to pilot this next semester. Carol will send out a request to Department Heads and Associate Deans to ask for additional help to assist in the pilot. All students will be taking the Versant and the ITA in the pilot. Carol will send a draft of the announcement of the pilot.

3. **Other**

Next week Celeste will send out an announcement regarding the grade submission deadline for members to review.

Adjourn: 10:20 a.m.