

Members present: Tim Scott (Chair), College of Science; Sarah Bednarz (Vice Chair), College of Geosciences; Robert Knight, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Jon Jaspersen, Mays Business School; Prasad Enjeti, Dwight Look College of Engineering; Andy Armstrong (for Steve Oberhelman), College of Liberal Arts; Beth German (for Stephanie Graves), Texas A&M University Libraries; Jim Kracht (for Ann Kenimer), Undergraduate Studies; James Herman, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Jean Layne, Center for Teaching Excellence.

Guests: Tracy Rutherford, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications; David Forrest, Department of Animal Science; Miranda Walichowski, Department of Educational Psychology.

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. There were no minutes to approve. The February, March and April 2014 meetings were held via e-vote. The December 12, 2013 minutes were approved in the February e-vote.

2. New Courses

ALEC 460. Applying International Development Theories in Agriculture. (2-2). Credit 3. Practical application of agricultural development theories (geographical, communal, societal, etc.) in real-world settings; high-impact learning, research skill development, international travel and participation in a service-learning project with an international non-governmental organization. Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

ANSC 436. Texas Panhandle Beef Production Tour. (2-0). Credit 2. Facets of beef production from cow/calf operations to retail product; experiential knowledge of technologies and practices to enhance efficiency to enlighten students regarding the array of career opportunities in the beef production industry. Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

BEFB 482. Seminar in Teachers as Effective Communicators. (1-0). Credit 1. Effective communication techniques for working with learners, colleagues, administrators and stakeholders; professional and social linguistic protocols for bilingual education teachers. Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification; concurrent enrollment in BEFB 472 and BEFB 474.

NRSC 401. Developmental Neurotoxicology. (2-0). Credit 2. Effects of exposure to toxic substances on the developing nervous system; content to include mechanisms of toxicity of substances potentially devastating to the developing nervous system including lead, mercury and other heavy metals, alcohol, nicotine (smoking), pesticides, flame retardants and others. Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification. Cross-listed with VIBS 401.

3. Change in Course

ALED 225. Leadership Learning Community II.

Course prerequisites

From: Freshman classification or approval of instructor; on-campus residence.

To: Freshman classification or approval of instructor; on-campus residence; ALED 125.

4. Change in Curriculum

College of Science

Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Faculty - TAMIN
Minor in Neuroscience

5. Texas A&M University at Qatar

a. Change in Curriculum

Mechanical Engineering
BS in Mechanical Engineering

6. Tabled Items

NRSC 407 and VIBS 407 (cross-listed courses) – syllabus shows 15 weeks; on-line course versus blended course; an exception is needed for not taking weekly quizzes on time in case of university-excused absences.

7. Other Business

- Discussion regarding the current curricular approval process and the possibility of an expedited review for non-substantive items.
- J.Jasperson expressed concerns regarding the use of “high impact learning” in catalog course descriptions. T.Scott to follow-up with P.Matthews.