

Minutes of the University Curriculum Committee
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Members present: Robert Knight (Chair), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Tim Scott (Vice-Chair), College of Science; Les Feigenbaum, College of Architecture; Jim Kracht, College of Education and Human Development; Cynthia LaJimodiere, Dwight Look College of Engineering; Vatche Tchakerian, College of Geosciences; Pamela Matthews, College of Liberal Arts; George Fowler, Mays Business School; Norma Funkhouser, Medical Sciences Library; Bill McMullen, Texas A&M University at Galveston; Karen Snowden (for Laurie Jaeger), College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Guests: Sam Mannan, Department of Chemical Engineering; Christoph Konrad, Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures; Lanny Martindale, Department of Finance; Jim Heilman, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences; Skip Landis, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. The minutes of the June 8, 2007 meeting.
2. New Courses

FINC 427. Titans of Investing. (3-0). Credit 3. Readings from the most influential theorists and practitioners of 20th and 21st century investing; case studies and portfolio sector exercises in an institutional context, based on detailed assessment of global investment risks. Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification; approval of instructor.

SENG 430. Engineering Risk Analysis. (3-0). Credit 3. Fundamental concepts, techniques, and applications of risk analysis and risk-informed decision making for students in all engineering fields; practical uses of the methods are demonstrated in exercises and case studies from diverse engineering areas. Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

SENG 460. Quantitative Risk Analysis. (3-0). Credit 3. Fundamental concepts, techniques, and applications of quantitative risk analysis and risk-informed decision making for students in all engineering fields; practical uses of probabilistic methods are demonstrated in exercises and case studies from diverse engineering areas. Prerequisite: Senior or graduate classification.

3. Change in Courses

SOCI 323. Sociology of Black Americans.

Course title

From: Sociology of Black Americans.

To: Sociology of African Americans.

SOCI 403. Sociology of Mexican Americans.

Course title

From: Sociology of Mexican Americans.

To: Sociology of Latinos.

4. Change in Curricula

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
B.S. in Agronomy
 Agro-Industry Option
 Soil and Crop Management Option
 Turfgrass Management Option

College of Liberal Arts

Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures
B.A. in Classics

5. Special Consideration

College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Biomedical Sciences Program
University Studies Degree
 Area of Concentration – Biomedical Sciences

6. Special Consideration – Certificate Change

Dwight Look College of Engineering

Systems Safety Engineering Specialty Certificate

7. The following new courses were tabled:

BESC 306
BESC 320

Other items discussed:

- Discussion on returned items by Executive Committee.
 - Re-approved College of Architecture Area of Concentration (returned by Executive Committee); response to EC questions will be submitted.
- B.A. in Classics curriculum needs to be changed in SIMS to reflect catalog 130.
- Approval of the Area of Concentration from engineering will be done via e-vote; if received in time, will be included in July Report to Faculty Senate.
- Possible e-vote meeting in August.
- Look into changing “Subject Matter Content Code” on course forms to “CIP Code.”
- Invite Faculty Senate Speaker to attend September meeting.