

Core curriculum review committee meeting minutes

Meeting date: 30 October 2015

Meeting time: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Meeting convener: Andy Seitz and Margaret Short

Attendees

Name	Present
Andy Seitz (co-chair)	X
Margaret Short (co-chair)	X
Bobbi Jensen	
Brian Kassof	X
Burns Cooper	
Caty Oehring	Holly Sherouse in for Caty
Gabrielle Russell	X
Ginny Kinne	X
Hayley Williams	X
Kathy Arndt	X
Kevin Berry	X
Kevin Sager	
Larry Duffy	
Marsha Sousa	X
Tony Rickard	X
Yelena Matusevich	

1. Meeting minutes from 9 October 2015 approved
2. Very brief update about GERs and O,W courses from Holly. Basically, Natural Science, English and Math core requirements will stay the same, and the bucket approach will be implemented for the Perspectives on the Human Condition core. CAC is working on the PHC bucket now.
3. Core course proposals.
 - a. MATH 230 Calculus Essentials with Applications: The core "X" designation request was PASSED. This new class will now replace MATH 222 and 232.
 - b. GEOG/NRM 483W Research Design, Writing, and Presentation Methods: The core "O" designation request was PASSED.
 - c. CHEM 111 Introduction to Environmental Chemistry of the Arctic: The core "X" designation request was tabled until the next meeting (Nov. 20, 2015) to allow the committee members to familiarize themselves with the "Guidelines for core natural science designator."
4. Petitions
 - a. Approve:
 - i. W designator request for INDS BIOL 497 Public Health and Traditional Medicine of India. The petition was reviewed in the previous meeting (9 October 2015), but was tabled because although the student has a faculty mentor at UAF, the syllabus provided was not

clear on the iterative nature of writing assignments and interaction with UAF faculty mentor. Therefore, more information was requested by the committee about the nature of writing assignments and the interaction between the student and faculty mentor. In the current meeting (30 October 2015), more information was provided about the iterative nature of writing assignments, which were deemed to meet the requirements for the W designator.

- ii. W designator request for WRTG 3020 Topics in Writing – Environmental Writing from University of Colorado. After reviewing the course syllabus, the committee agreed that the course meets the UAF “W” requirements.
 - iii. W designator request for MUS 497. This class was an independent study conducted by a single student before directed studies existed. The independent study content was identical to an existing, regularly scheduled “W” course that was cancelled because of low enrollment. Currently, this course would have been offered as a directed study, and directed studies based on “W” courses automatically receive the “W” designator. The committee agreed that this W request should be approved because the independent study was based on a “W” course, when directed studies did not exist.
- b. Deny
- i. Request to substitute the Army Basic Instructor Course for COMM F131X/F141X. After reviewing the course description (no syllabus provided), the committee agreed that the course does not meet the spirit of the UAF communications core.

5. Discussion

- a. Holly offered to contact Jennie Carroll to invite her to provide an update on GERs at the next meeting. The committee agreed that this is a good idea, so Holly will follow up.
- b. Andy is still working on re-vamping the website.