The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

The Chair welcomed the members of the Committee

Consent Agenda:

The following items remained on the Consent Agenda and passed unanimously.

1. Dept. of Humanities and Communications
   b. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum
      i. COM 4130 – Global Communications
      ii. COM 4225 – Linguistics & World Languages
      iii. HUM 2212 – English and American Literature 1
      iv. HUM 2213 – English and American Literature 2
      v. HUM 2331 – American History: Pre-Columbian to Civil War Era
      vi. HUM 2332 – American History: From Reconstruction to the Present

2. Dept. of Biological Sciences
   a. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum
      i. BIO 3601 – Field Methods in Fisheries Science

Agenda Discussion Items

The following item was discussed and passed unanimously.

1. Dept. of Humanities and Communications
   a. Changing Restrictions or Credits in a Course (COM 3070 – Professional Communication for Executives)

It was asked why COM 2223 (Scientific and Technical Communication) and/or COM 2224 (Business and Professional Writing) were not reinstated as prerequisites given the history of COM 3070. In response, it was explained that originally COM 3070 had only COM 1102 (Writing about Literature) and Junior Standing as prerequisites. Though it was not known how many programs require students to take COM 3070, it was felt that being able to take it earlier in the respective programs would be a benefit to the students. It was also noted that the tougher restrictions were only in place for a single year. Other Committee members also pointed out that while their programs require COM 3070, they do not all require COM 2223 or COM 2224, and thus they were happy with the changes as presented.
The following items were discussed and passed unanimously, as amended.

1. Dept. of Humanities and Communications
   b. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum
      vii. TEX 2001 – Introduction to Textiles
      viii. TEX 2002 – Survey of Textile Industry
      ix. TEX 2003 – Introduction to Textile Conservation
      x. TEX 3001 – Science of Textiles

   It was noted that most (if not all) other course prefixes began their course numbering at the 1000 level, however this was not being done here, and it was asked why not. In response, it was explained that the desire was to teach this course at the sophomore level. It was suggested that perhaps COM 1101 (Composition and Rhetoric) and/or COM 1102 be used as prerequisites, but the response was that TEX 2001 was not really a writing course, so the COM courses did not seem appropriate as prerequisites. Instead, it was suggested that TEX 2001 be renumbered to TEX 1001, and that TEX 2002 and TEX 2003 be renumbered to TEX 2001 and TEX 2002, respectively. The Dept. of Humanities and Communications (Humanities) did not object to this, and the courses were renumbered, and the prerequisites updated to reflect the renumbering. It was also pointed out that there was a typo on the form for TEX 3001: the prerequisites should read EDS 1031, not EDS 1021. This was corrected.

   It was also asked where the new (to-be-presented) Textiles minor will be housed, to which the answer was in the Dept. of Humanities and Communications, at least for the time being. It was felt that this should ideally be offered through the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts, but they are not an academic unit and Humanities was the next-closest thing. It was also asked who the audience for this minor will be and who will teach the courses. It was explained that there is a textiles community on the Space Coast, and that several textile courses had been developed by that community, and adjunct faculty will be asked to participate. As to the audience, it is anticipated that students studying international business and the sciences may be interested, as well as other international students. Also, there are no plans to turn the minor into a major. It was also suggested that when the University was soliciting the support of Ruth Funk, that a textiles program would be designed for those in the Colleges of Science and Engineering.

   Finally, it was suggested that at least one of the new TEX courses have a social science designation. It was said this would be considered, and that it was likely that most if not all the TEX courses would at least get a liberal arts designation. It was felt a fine arts designation would be most appropriate, but the University does not have such a designation.

The following item was discussed and passed unanimously, as amended.

2. Dept. of Biological Sciences
   a. Adding a New Course to the Curriculum
      ii. BIO 4412 – Ornithology

   Prior to the meeting, the Dept. of Biological Sciences held an internal discussion and suggested that BIO 1020’s (Biological Discovery 2) level was too low to serve as an adequate prerequisite to the new course, and that BIO 3410 (General Ecology) would
be more appropriate. As such, it was proposed that BIO 1020 be removed as a prerequisite and BIO 3410 be added in its place. This was unanimously agreed to. Also, a typo was noted in the course description, which was corrected. Finally, a comment was made that indicated a desire to have courses like BIO 4412 be offered at lower levels so that non-Biology majors could take them without having to take all the prerequisites. It was noted that Biological Sciences (and other departments) have a lot of good courses, but they are high-level and it was wished that similar courses could be offered at a lower-level.

Discussion:

The following items were discussed.

1. Update of the Modification to the University Core – Dr. Rosiene

Dr. Rosiene noted that the Humanities courses being considered to supplement HUM 2052 (Civilization 2: Renaissance through Modern) in the University Core have now been moved to a lower level (see Consent Agenda above). All that needed to be done was consider the change to the wording in the University Catalog, and that he and his colleagues were considering what wording would be informational and what would require a vote within the UGCC. It was hoped that because, currently, all 3000-level and higher Humanities courses implicitly require HUM 2051 (Civilization 1: Ancient through Medieval) and HUM 2052, that once the wording was changed, those prerequisites would automatically change without UGCC approval. It was pointed out, however, that this is not the case and that all the courses with prerequisites changes would have to come before the Committee. Dr. Rosiene also noted that other incidental issues were being discussed and worked out.

2. Textile Minor – Dr. Rosiene

With regards to the Textile minor, Dr. Rosiene noted that two additional new courses would be brought before the Committee at the next meeting, as well as the minor. It is expected that the minor will require 11 hours of core courses and 9 hours of elective courses that span three tracks.

Informational:

The Chair noted the following item.

1. Approval of an Undergraduate Online Course to Have the Same Course Number as an On-Campus Undergraduate Course
   a. CHE 2101 (Chemical Process Principles 1)

Finally, due to administrative changes within the College of Science, it was noted that BIO 3701 (Evolution) would now normally be taught in the Spring semester and not the Fall semester. This was brought up because there is at least one other program outside of the Dept. of Biological Sciences that would be affected, and it was desired to make all departments aware of this change in case it affected additional programs.
The Chair reminded the Committee that it agreed last year to make the April meeting the deadline for submitting material that would require major changes to the next print addition of the University Catalog if it was expected these changes would make it into the 2012-2013 print edition of the Catalog.

The Chair noted the date and time of the next meeting. It was asked if this is the last meeting of the year, and the Chair responded that ostensibly this would be the last meeting, however the conference room was scheduled to hold a meeting on April 29 to handle any business that could not be finished on April 22. Only new business submitted for the April 22 meeting will be considered at the April 29 meeting.

Our next meeting is Friday, April 22 at 8:00 a.m. in the Physical Sciences conference room. Agenda items are due Friday, April 15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Archambault – Chair