

SSNS CC Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
2:00-3:30 GHH 301

Members in attendance: Lauren Rossi (MNS), Roxanna Smolowitz (MNS), Laura Turner (SS), Adria Updike (MNS)

1. Committee Business

- minutes-taker - Updike
- **Minutes of 9/13/2017 SSNS CC meeting – Approved 4-0-0**
- SSNS CC by-laws draft discussion – Approved 4-0-0
- Petitions (of FCAS CC) Awaiting changes: BA POLSC/IR, PHYS 202 – excerpts from previous FCAS CC meetings have been sent to petitioners.
- New chronological Courses/Programs Pending in queue: none.

2. First Reading

- Major School Program Modification BIO B.S. in Biology (7/17/2017)
 - Petition description: Changes proposed-3 groups of elective courses, must take courses from at least 2 of the 3 categories, need 24 credits, 4 of which must include labs and at least 3 of which need to be at the 300 level or above.
 - The BA program sequencing is in the BS Bio petition. This would need to be removed from the Program sequence ('Foundation Requirement for Biology B.S.' rather than 'Foundation Requirement for Biology B.A. or B.S.'; Precalculus and Algebra based Physics course block in Program Sequence). Separate proposals for BA and BS in Program Sequence.
 - The attached catalog copy represents the credit and categories of electives. The course names of the attached file ought to match that within the catalog. ('Biochemistry' reference).
 - The Program Sequence has 'or' for Bio 210 and 215? ("Bio 210 or Bio 215") This implies that a student could only take the 210 or the 215 and have one count toward the electives. Is this intentional –are these interchangeable courses? If not, please remove the 'or' within the program sequencing associated with the Bio 210 course. (The 'or' is with Math 250 and Math 315 and statistics requirement, which makes sense- only one of those courses fulfill that degree requirement.) Should Bio 333 and Bio390 have the 'or', as indicated in the current catalog but not in this petition?
 - Approved at first reading, pending edits: 4-0-0.
- Major School Program Modification BIO B.A. in Biology (7/17/2017)
 - Petition description: Changes proposed- intent is same changes as to the BS bio.
 - The attached catalog copy represents the credit and categories of electives. The course names of the attached file ought to match that within the catalog. ('Biochemistry' reference).
 - The Program Sequence has 'or' for Bio 210 and Bio 215 and Bio 216; Bio 315 and Bio 318; Bio 326 and Bio 363? This implies that a student could only take the 210 or 215 or 216 and have only one of these courses count toward the electives- likewise with the other 'or' listings. Is this intentional- do the courses have overlap in content? If not, please remove the 'or' within the program sequencing associated with the respective courses. Should Bio 333 and Bio390 have the 'or', as indicated in the current catalog but not in this petition?
 - Approved at first reading, pending edits: 4-0-0.

- Minor School Course Modification BIO 250 Intro Biostatistics (8/25/2017)
 - Petition description: Changes proposed- the pre-requisite of the course from MATH 136 (pre-calc) to MATH 213 (calc I).
 - Change maximum credit number to 3 under units/hours.
 - Add new pre-requisite information under 'Requisites' and in the course description if retaining this informational line in that field.
 - Biostats is a required course for BS Public Health, but not calc I, and as an elective for the minor – need documentation that Public Health program has been notified of this change. (This program may need to submit a program change petition to accommodate this prerequisite change.)
 - Biostats or Prob & Stats is required for BA in Bio, Marine Bio, and Environmental science but calc I is not. How is this 'hidden requirement' to be dealt with? If allow a BA student takes basic stats (MATH 124) instead, that change would need to be submitted as a program change petition for these programs.
 - Math 250 needs to be inputted into Cross listed course number (not as assessment field)
 - Tabled at first reading, pending notification/ impact statements and minor edits to the petitions.

- Minor School Program Modification NATSC B.A. in Environ. Science (8/25/2017)
 - Petition description: Changes proposed-Want to add electives for the BA environmental science major.
 - Catalog copy would follow from the Program Sequence inputted into Curricunet. Need to add the additional electives to the program sequence (as upper electives).
 - Show evidence that departments are notified their classes will be added to the list of electives. (Having additional students within class may alter the offering of it, or may require more demand upon another department's resources.)
 - Approved at first reading, pending minor edits: 4-0-0.

- Minor School Program Modification NATSC B.S. in Environ. Science (8/25/2017)
 - Catalog copy would follow from the Program Sequence inputted into Curricunet. Need to add the new electives to the program sequence.
 - Show evidence that departments are notified their classes will be added to the list of electives. (Having additional students within class may alter the offering of it, or may require more demand upon another department's resources)
 - Soil ecology listed twice under program sequence.
 - Approved at first reading, pending edits: 4-0-0.

- Minor School Program Modification NATSC Environmental Science, MINOR (8/25/2017)
 - Are these changes to the minor or core concentration? Reference to proposed changes in the Core are within this petition's description. Please separate and clarify by describing changes to the minor. (A change to the Core Conc. will be a separate petition and a different CC.)
 - The proposed catalog copy includes courses you want to delete. Please revise.
 - Modifications to BS/BA major (petitions in queue) state these courses are included in minor and should therefore be included within the major, but now with this petition you want to

remove them from the minor? The rationale for the minor petition or the BS/BA Env. Science petitions would need to be modified.

- Tabled petition, pending clarification.