

note item 3 *approved*
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M I N U T E S

COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

April 25, 1977
3:00 p.m. - Board Room
Burruss Hall

PRESENT: Dr. R. J. Nurse, Chairman (for Dr. Wilson); Deans Atwell, Bellas, Gilmer, Gray, Johnson and Regan; Professors Fu, Herakovich, Houck, Miller, Salmon, Simutis; Senators Grender, Marshall and Stout; Student Representatives DePaola; Eades, Mizoue, Nevin.

ABSENT: Deans Humphreyville and Lacy; Professors Carson and Oyler.

1. The Agenda was modified and APPROVED.
2. The Minutes of April 11, 1977 (continued on April 14) were APPROVED as corrected.
3. Dr. Nurse reported that the CGSR had modified and approved the CUS proposal for modification of the grading system. He also reported that in studying minor program requirements, attention was called to the fact that the recommendation on minor programs contains a minimum credit hour restriction while there is no restriction on major programs. That matter has been referred to the CUS-CADAP Committee for review.

4. Course Approvals:

AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

Modified Courses - Effective Fall 1977

1. FOR 4230 - Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management (3H,3C). UG&G. (Minor revisions and title change from "Forest Influences.") (Distributed at CUS meeting, April 11.)
2. FOR 4250 - Forest Tree Improvement (3H,3C). UG&G. (Revision and credit change from (3H,3L,4C).) (Distributed at CUS meeting, April 11.)
3. FIW 4411-4412 (BIOL 4411-4412) - Ornithology (2H,3L,3C) each. UG&G. (Revised description and cross-listing in Biology.) (Deferred from March 28, 1977.)
4. HORT 2960 - Field Study (H,C arr.). (Change to Pass/Fail only.)
5. HORT 4960 - Field Study (H,C arr.). (Change to Pass/Fail only.)

ARTS AND SCIENCES

New Courses - Effective Fall 1977

1. GEOG 4080 - Advanced Physical Geography (3H,3C).
2. MATH 4451,4452,4453 - Modern Applied Mathematics (3H,3C) each. UG&G.
3. PSCI 3420 - Politics of Environmental Policy (3H,3C). (Deferred from November 22, 1976.)

ARTS AND SCIENCES (cont.)

Modified Courses - Effective Fall 1977

1. BIOL 4411-4412 (FIW 4411-4412) - Ornithology (2H,3L,3C) each. UG&G. (Revised description and cross-listing in Biology.) (Deferred from March 28, 1977.)
2. BIOL 4491-4492 Invertebrate Zoology (3H,3L,4C) each. UG&G. (Minor revision and credit change from (2H,6L,4C).)
3. CS 4530 - Introduction to Finite-State Machines (3H,3C). UG&G. (Remove cross-listing with EE 4530.)
4. ENGL 1000 - Basic Writing Skills (3H,2C). (Add the statement "Not usable for credit toward graduation." See Item 9, below.)

ENGINEERING

New Course - Effective Fall 1977

1. CHE 4160 - Advanced Digital Electronics for Scientists and Engineers (2H,3L,3C). UG&G. (Deferred from October 11, 1976.)

Modified Course - Effective Fall 1977

1. CE 3040 - Route Alignment Surveying (2H,3L,3C). (Name change only from "Field Engineering.")

Courses to be dropped - Effective Summer 1977

1. EE 4050 - Computer-Aided Network Analysis (3H,3C). UG&G.
 2. EE 4230 - Field Effect Electronics (3H,3C). UG&G.
 3. EE 4530 - Introduction to Finite-State Machines (3H,3C). UG&G.
5. A Minor Program in Agricultural Economics was accepted. (Copy attached.)
 6. The problem of room assignments for common-time examinations was reviewed by Dean Bellas. He reported that the needs have been coordinated and that access to classrooms in "other" buildings will be made available by the Buildings and Grounds personnel.
 7. The definition of "normal progress" toward a degree was reviewed by Professor Stout, chairman of the CONAP Committee. The concern has been expressed and questions occasionally raised about normal progress, particularly with respect to academic eligibility, financial aid, dormitory privileges and athletic eligibility. The Committee recommended no action by CUS, stating that a policy stipulating the maximum number of quarters of enrollment allowed for a first degree or the minimum credit hour enrollment per quarter would be unduly restrictive. A lengthy discussion followed. Some members felt that such a published definition would discourage part-time students. Others felt that the term should be defined to assist in those areas where guidelines are needed; that part-time students could be encouraged while recognizing that they are not making "normal progress." A motion was made by Professor Marshall that the matter be reviewed by the Provost and referred back to a committee of CUS if he felt that such a definition were needed by the University. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

8. The use of dining halls and dormitory lounges for regularly scheduled classes had been studied by the CONAP Committee. Professor Stout, Chairman, presented the committee report recommended that these facilities should not be considered for classroom use. The limited time available, the work to rearrange the furniture, and the extra manpower needed to maintain required sanitary conditions, made the dining halls unsuitable; the limited dormitory egress with its extensive traffic flow through some lounges and the inaccessibility of other lounges made them unsuitable also. Concern was also expressed that the bonded nature of these structures would affect their use for academic purposes. A motion to accept and support the report was made by Dean Gray, seconded and PASSED.
9. The use of English 1000 for credit toward graduation was returned for discussion after being tabled at the CUS meeting of February 14, 1977. Dr. Nurse reported that the English Department had no objection to the proposed motion that the course may not be used for graduation. That motion was restated, voted and PASSED. *affecting class of 1981.*
10. The Final Report on A Proposal for a University Minor in Environmental Studies was returned to the agenda at about 4:00 p.m. for further discussion. Professor R. C. Hoehn, Chairman of the CUS Committee on Environmental Courses, and committee members K. L. Dickson, R. P. Lovingood and L. J. Simutis were present to respond to questions. A genuine desire permeated the discussion to support the committee recommendation and develop the minor. But as the details were reviewed, it was evident that much study and planning is needed between and among departments to develop the working module. Financial support is a major consideration; enrollment would have to be limited, particularly in upper level design classes; the program must develop as a minor, not a major, but what organizational pattern would allow a minor without a major and in which of the many involved departments would it be housed; team teaching in many courses would be required, and would present administrative problems. Recognizing the support to move ahead with the program, Professor Marshall moved that "interdisciplinary university and interdepartmental programs in environmental studies be established as a minor." The motion was seconded and discussed. In light of the April 14 CUS action to accept and support the report, and recognizing the need for study by the administration and other affected departments, the motion was withdrawn.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Gray
Secretary

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College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Check Sheet for a Minor in
Agricultural Economics

Student Name _____ Student No. _____

A. Core Agricultural Economics Classes (6 credits)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ag. Econ. 3200	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 3500	(3)	_____

B. Intermediate Economics (3 credits)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Econ. 3010	(3)	_____

C. Advanced (4000 level) Agricultural Economics Courses (9 credits)
(to be selected from the following.)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ag. Econ. 4100	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4190	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4300	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4310	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4400	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4410	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4500	(3)	_____
Ag. Econ. 4510	(3)	_____

D. Elective Hours in Agricultural Economics (9 credits)
(above the 1000 level)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ag. Econ. _____	()	_____
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