NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
#14 Meeting – March 18, 2015
Approved Minutes

Present: Dave Ballantine (CLAS), Kate Cady (COMS), Amanda Durik (PSYC), Frances Jaeger (FL&L), Joel Stafstrom (BIOS)
          Suzanne Hogan (CLAS)

Absent: Jeremy Groves (ECON)

A. Action on Minutes

Minutes from the #13 virtual meeting on February 11, 2015, have been approved electronically and forwarded to the catalog editor.

B. Miscellaneous

None

C. Curriculum – Old Business

Environmental Studies

The CCC approved both the new course, ENVS 210, and the Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Sustainable Food Systems.

Mathematical Sciences

The new course, MATH 404 (crosslisted as MLTL 404X) was approved.

D. Curriculum – New Business

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Program revisions to the minor in Urban Studies were tabled until additional information can be gathered regarding the appropriateness of proposed course additions.

Department of Political Science

Course revisions for POLS 341 and POLS 490 were approved. The program proposal for a new Accelerated M.A. Program was approved along with revisions to the 3+3 Integrated B.S. or B.A./J.D. Program.

Tabled:

CLAS – Program Revision: Minor in Urban Studies
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All University Section

Other Catalog Change Page 46, 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

Academic Regulations
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Certificate of Undergraduate Study
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Actuarial Science (Department of Mathematical Sciences)
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Social Entrepreneurship (Department of Operations Management and Information Systems)
Sustainable Food Systems (Environmental Studies)

Rationale: Addition of new certificate.

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Academic Regulations

Other Academic Policies
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Undergraduates in Graduate Courses for Undergraduate Credit

Undergraduate students at NIU may … …. They must also obtain, in advance, written approval from the instructor and from the office of the dean of the Graduate School to enroll in the course for undergraduate credit. In addition, for a 600- or 700-level course, the approval of the department offering the course is required. Students in accelerated degree programs are exempt from this provision. Instead, students in accelerated degree programs should adhere to the requirements of that program.

Undergraduates in Courses for Graduate Credit
Seniors in their final semester at NIU … …. (See "Early Admission of NIU Undergraduates to the Graduate School.) Students in accelerated degree programs are exempt from this provision. Instead, students in accelerated degree programs should adhere to the requirements of that program.

Rationale: In order for accelerated programs to be implemented, the regulations on Undergraduates in Graduate Courses for Undergraduate Credit and Undergraduates in Courses for Graduate Credit need to be changed.
Academic Regulations

Other Academic Policies

Undergraduates in Law Courses

Undergraduates enrolled in the 3+3 accelerated program in the Department of Political Science who are matriculated in the College of Law may take receive undergraduate credit for up to 30 hours of College of Law course work to apply towards their baccalaureate degrees.

Rationale:
These changes better reflect the law school’s view regarding admissions into the program. As some background, the law school proposed the original language, which made it sound like if a student had the appropriate GPA and LSAT score then they were automatically admitted into the law school. It also made it sound as if a student had to take the LSAT and apply by February 15th. This is how my department was interpreting the program requirements. However, this was not the law school’s intention. These changes more accurately reflect the admissions process into the law school. We have also changed the name of the program. Almost immediately after the initial catalog proposal passed, we realized that calling the program an “Accelerated Law” program as opposed to a “3+3” program had advantages. We have been calling it the “Accelerated Law” program in all of our marketing, etc. of the program. Dave Gaebler and I spoke with Anne Birberick about these changes and she was supportive.

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Rationale: New program title.

Environmental Studies
CIP: 01.1099

ENVS 210. INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS (2). Overview of how Illinois residents have responded to food problems through local initiatives. Examine different local food models used in DeKalb County and northern Illinois. Local public gardens will be used to explore soil science, food justice, local food, project management, public health, and environmental issues. Opportunities for several on-site visits to food production operations in the region. One hour of lecture and three hours of laboratory work in local public gardens per week.

Rationale: This course is being offered to meet the student demand for classes that focus on sustainable food and how it is managed at the local level. The course is explicitly paired with local public gardens as a means of engaging students in ongoing project management that will provide them with skills that are directly applicable to any number of upper-level courses and fields of employment.

Non-Duplication: The Departments of ANTH, FCNS, GEOG, NGOLD, and PHHE were notified with regard to this course and have indicated there is no significant duplication with any of their current course offerings.

Other Catalog Change

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Environmental Studies (ENVS)

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Minor in Environmental Studies (21-22)

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Certificate of Undergraduate Study

Sustainable Food Systems (12-13)

The Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Sustainable Food Systems will provide the student with a solid foundation for work in sustainable food and farming. This interdisciplinary certificate prepares students for the variety of issues they might face working in sustainable agriculture. The certificate consists of two core courses and a choice of electives from three content areas. The courses enable practical application of knowledge and provide engaged learning opportunities.

The certificate will help prepare students in three areas of study that are all meant to provide the student with an understanding of systems: 1) Agriculture & Sustainability - study the physical systems that impact agriculture and sustainable local food options; 2) Food & Health - examine current trends in the food industry, agriculture, and community environment in relation to food sustainability, social and nutritional health and wellness; and 3) Social & Cultural - learn how society could address the social and cultural change needed to achieve more sustainable food systems.
The certificate is open to all students admitted to degree and non-degree study at Northern Illinois University. Students must maintain good academic standing within the university. The certificate courses may also be applied to satisfy requirements for B.A. and B.S. degrees.

**Required Courses (3)**

ENVS 210 – Introduction to Local Sustainable Food Systems (2)
ENVS 490 – Undergraduate Research (1-3)
(field practicum; only 1 credit hour can be applied toward the certificate)

**One course from each of the following sections (9-10)**

**Agriculture and Sustainability (3-4)**
BIOS 101 – Plant Products and Human Affairs (3)
BIOS 103 – General Biology (3)
BIOS 106 – Environmental Biology (3)
BIOS 109 – Human Biology (3)
ENVS 301 – Environmental Science I: Physical Systems (3)
ENVS 302 – Environmental Science II: Biological Systems (3)
ENVS 409/BIOS 409X/GEOL 409X/PHHE 409X – Water Quality (4)
GEOG 422/BIOS 422X – Plant-Soil Interactions (4)
GEOG 453 – Environmental Management (3)

**Food and Health (3)**
FCNS 201 – Human Nutrition (3)
FCNS 308 – Current Problems and Trends in Nutrition and Foods (3)
FCNS 404 – Nutrition and Community Food Systems (2-5)
(only 3 credit hours can be applied to the certificate)
FCNS 406 – Global Food and Nutrition Issues (3)
PHHE 295 – Introduction to Public Health (3)
PHHE 412 – Consumer Health (3)

**Social and Cultural (3)**
ANTH 425/ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
CLCE 100 – Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
ENVS 303 – Environment in the Social Sciences and Humanities (3)
EPFE 201 – Education as an Agent for Change (3)
GEOG 253 – Environment and Society (3)
HIST 366 – Farms, Food, and Rural America (3)
HIST 377 – American Environmental History (3)
POLS 324 – Politics of Environmental Health and Safety Regulation (3)

Course List (ENVS)↓
Rationale: This certificate is being offered to recognize the growing interest in food, farming, and agriculture. There are several similar programs in sustainable food systems offered around the country, which are listed on the website of the Sustainable Agriculture Education Association. Programs are listed at 36 land grant universities, 13 4-year state and private universities, 8 private liberal arts colleges, and 18 community and junior colleges. Of those listed, the closest programs are the Horticulture, Sustainable Landscape Practices & Sustainable Agriculture Technology at Triton College and the Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certificate offered at City Colleges of Chicago.

The Sustainable Food Systems certificate would be one of the first efforts at NIU to offer academic recognition for studies related to agriculture, which is important given that NIU is centrally located in an agricultural area. There are many local resources that should feed into this certificate program such as the master gardeners classes offered through the U of I Extension Office, the Gardener’s Pathway workshop held at Kishwaukee College, and the DeKalb County Community Gardens volunteer base.

The certificate takes advantage of the courses being created in departments across several disciplines to provide students with the framework to understand more about the different ways that food is produced and how it is integrated into various cultures. The local public gardens and the intent of the university to expand food-producing gardens in the future also supports the need to create a curriculum that prepares students to be good stewards of the land.

Given the national trend to offer these programs, the lack of regional competition for a program that focuses on sustainable food systems, and abundant local engagement opportunities, enrollment in this certificate program should be robust.

Impact Statement: Environmental Studies has consulted with the Departments of ANTH, BIOS, FCNS, GEOG, HIST, LEPF, NGOLD, PHHE, and POLS regarding the addition of their courses to the list of outside requirements in this certificate. None of the departments have identified any negative impact on course availability or enrollment with this change.

Department of Mathematical Sciences

New Course Page 296, 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP: 27.0101

MATH 404. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION IN THE MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL I (3). Crosslisted as MLTL 404X. Methods, materials, curricular issues, learning theories, and research utilized in the teaching of middle school mathematics, particularly relating to instruction in grades 5 and 6. Intended for students in the middle level teacher licensure program. Accepted for credit as a middle school mathematics methods course, but not as an upper-division mathematics content course. Not open for credit toward the major or minor in mathematical sciences. Not used in major or minor GPA calculation for mathematical sciences major or minors. PRQ: Consent of department.
Rationale: The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) split secondary teacher licensure for grades 6-12 into a middle school licensure for grades 5-8 and a secondary licensure for grades 9-12. Faculty in other disciplines who have majors and minors in the new NIU Middle Level Teacher Licensure program included two methods courses in their programs, and having two methods courses in the secondary mathematics teacher licensure program has been standard at NIU. Therefore, faculty in the Department of Mathematical Sciences maintain that undergraduate students who elect to take a major or minor in teaching middle level mathematics complete two mathematics methods courses as part of their middle school licensure requirements. The new course MATH 404 and the existing course MATH 410 are the two mathematics methods courses for middle school licensure. MATH 404 is crosslisted as MLTL 404X.

Non-Duplication: A thorough search of the course catalog was completed. No other course offerings with similar content were found.

Department of Political Science

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American Government and Politics

408 341. POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND BEHAVIOR (3). Focus on … ….

Rationale: POLS 408 is the only non-public law course that is available at the 400 level. It is no different in rigor from 300-level courses. Because it is at the 400 level, students are intimidated by the course and enrollments suffer. The Department does not have an available American Government number at the 300 level. However, this course fits perfectly with one of the other distribution requirements for the major (Empirical Theory and Behavior). A course under the Empirical Theory and Behavior heading requires a 40-49 number. The placement of the new POLS 341 course should be under the heading “Empirical Theory and Behavior” (see page 316, column 2).

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General

490. INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (1–6 3). Admission … ….

Rationale: The change reflects the Department’s new policy regarding internships. The Department only accepts internship experiences worth 3 hours. The Department will continue to allow students to take POLS 490 twice.

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Department of Political Science
Professional Educator Licensure – Social Sciences: Political Science

Six-Year (3+3) Integrated Accelerated B.S. or B.A./J.D. Program in Political Science and the College of Law

Admission
The six-year integrated sequence leads to both the B.S. or B.A. in Political Science and J.D. degrees. Students who wish to complete this program must identify themselves to the Political Science Department as majors with a Politics Emphasis who will wish to complete the 3+3 Accelerated Program with a Politics Emphasis. This program is open to all undergraduates who major in Political Science and have completed at least 90 credit hours of undergraduate course work with a minimum GPA of 3.25. Juniors who have met these standards in their B.S. or B.A. degree in Political Science must also apply for admission to NIU’s College of Law under the special provisions of this program. The application to the College of Law must be submitted no later than February 15 of the applicant’s junior year. As part of the application to the College of Law, applicants must take the LSAT no later than February of their junior year and must receive a score above the 50th percentile of the previous year’s matriculating law class. Applicants are advised to take the LSAT and submit their application to the College of Law no later than February of their junior year. Admission will be on a competitive basis, and the likelihood of admission will depend on the number and quality of applicants to the program, the number and quality of applicants to the College of Law in general, as well as other factors normally considered in admissions decisions by the College of Law.

Curriculum

Rationale: These changes better reflect the law school’s view regarding admissions into the program. As some background, the law school proposed the original language, which made it sound like if a student had the appropriate GPA and LSAT score then they were automatically admitted into the law school. It also made it sound as if a student had to take the LSAT and apply by February 15th. This is how my department was interpreting the program requirements. However, this was not the law school’s intention. These changes more accurately reflect the admissions process into the law school. We have also changed the name of the program. Almost immediately after the initial catalog proposal passed, we realized that calling the program an “Accelerated Law” program as opposed to a “3+3” program had advantages. We have been calling it the “Accelerated Law” program in all of our marketing, etc. of the program. Dave Gaebler and I spoke with Anne Birberick about these changes and she was supportive.
Accelerated B.S. or B.A./M.A. Program in Political Science

Admission

This program leads to both the B.S. or B.A. and M.A. in Political Science degrees. Students who want to complete this program must identify themselves to the Political Science Department as majors who will complete the accelerated program with a Politics emphasis. The program is open to all undergraduates who major in Political Science; have completed at least 96 credit hours of undergraduate coursework; and meet the Department of Political Science’s Degree with Honors requirements (see below). Students who have met these standards in their B.A. or B.S. degree in Political Science must also apply for admission to the Political Science M.A. program under the special provisions of this program. Students must meet the application deadlines given by the Graduate School. To qualify for this program, applicants must take the GRE and meet one of the following:

- Score better than the 50th percentile in both quantitative and verbal
- Average better than 65th percentile for combined quantitative and verbal

Curriculum

Students must complete all the requirements for the Political Science B.A. or B.S. degrees as well as all general education requirements (96 hours in total) by the end of their junior year. Beginning with the first semester of their senior year, students will start taking classes in the Political Science M.A. program as well as complete undergraduate departmental honors. These courses will count toward the final 24 credits of the undergraduate degree. Upon receiving their undergraduate degree, students will then follow the standard timetable for receiving a M.A. in Political Science. Students in the Political Science Accelerated M.A. program are not bound by the university policy that prohibits students from earning more than 50 credit hours in their major.

Rationale: Similar to the accelerated law programs that some departments, including Political Science, have developed with the College of Law, the Department of Political Science believes this program will serve as an important recruitment tool. Additionally, the Department believes that it will increase the quality of the students entering the Masters Program.

Impact Statement: This program is exclusive to the Department of Political Science.