Present:  B. Wheeler, (chair); N. Spencer for D. Ford; R. Daniel; C. Clemenz for R.E. Sorensen; M. Deisenroth for R. Benson; M.A. Lewis; R. Oderwald for J. M. Kelly; S. Ball for L.N. Chang; H. Hart for M. McQuain; M. Denbow; M. Schneller; T. Walker; T. Gardner; S. Zedaker; C. Kozil.


Visitors:  M. Foushee, A. Cupp

• Call to Order and Announcements
  Robert Wheeler called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. He opened the meeting with the reading of the charge to the commission, and commented briefly about specific areas of the charge. There were no other announcements.

• Adoption of the Agenda
  Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Approval was unanimous.

• Approval of CUSP Minutes of April 25, 2005 (previously sent electronically).
  Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2005. There were no corrections. Approval was unanimous.

• Report of Commission Standing Committees

  Committee on Undergraduate Curricula
  Tom Walker stated that he would be presenting the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula reports of April 29, 2005, the last CUC meeting for this past spring, and the report of September 13, 2005, the first CUC meeting of this year.

  Motion was made and seconded to approve the report of April 29, 2005. Approval was unanimous.

  Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula
  April 29, 2005

  For “First and Second Reading”
  Unanimous Approval

  Courses Effective Fall 2005
  ART 3064 The Arts of China and Japan - Fall 2005 (new)
  ART 3384 Renaissance Art and Architecture – Fall 2005 (revised)
  ART 3774 History of Modern Graphic Design – Fall 2005 (new)
  MKTG 4554 Buyer-Seller Relationships – Fall 2005 (revised)
  CEE 4204 CAD Applications in Civil and Environmental Engineering – Fall 2005 (new)

  Courses Dropped Effective Fall 2005
  MKTG 3604 Professional Selling
Motion was made and seconded to approve the report of September 13, 2005. Approval was unanimous.

Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula
September 13, 2005

For “First and Second Reading”
Unanimous Approval

Courses Effective Fall 2005
ECE 4405-4406 Control Systems (revised)
ECE 4624 Digital Signal Processing & Filter Design (revised)
ECE 4634 Digital Communications (revised)
FOR 4514 Forest and Tree Pest Management (revised)
HORT 3574 Landscape Irrigation (new)

Courses Effective Spring 2006
FR 2164 Intermediate Business French (new)
MUS 2284 Piano Accompanying (new)
MUS 3154 – Piano Literature (new)
MUS 3234 – Piano Pedagogy (new)
GEOG 3244-The U.S. City (new)

Checksheets Effective for Calendar Year of 2007
B.S. in Business – MKTG Major (revised)

Discontinue Option and Designator effective December of 2007
Family Financial Management Option and Designator (FFM)

Courses Dropped Effective Fall 2005
FOR/ENT/PPWS 4524 Pest and Stress Management of Trees

University Core Curriculum Committee – Shep Zedaker stated there was no report for University Core Curriculum Committee.

University Library Committee – There was no report.

University Athletic Committee
Candi Clemenz stated that the University Athletic Committee has not met this year, therefore there is no report at this time.

Committee on Academic Policy
Marvin Foushee stated a chair has not been chosen. The chair must be a faculty member and will be chosen at the next meeting.

Committee on Academic Support - There was no report.
• Other Business

Norrine Spencer asked if the Revision for Policy 196 had been approved for first and second reading by University Council. Sheryl Ball stated it had been approved and cited the revised provisions of the policy.

Robert Wheeler stated that before our first meeting, Dr. Steger asked the chairs of the various commissions to briefly discuss some items that might be on their agendas for the year. Several items are discussed. One is the impact of the university’s recent research initiative on undergraduate research and education. In particular he pointed out that the ACC is looking into undergraduate research and that an ACC conference regarding undergraduate research is scheduled at Clemson in spring 2006. Secondly, it was suggested that we need to examine graduation and retention rates for undergraduate students. The incoming students have more AP, transfer and dual credit, but yet it is believed that this is not reflected in the time to graduate. There does appear to be more double majoring than normal. Summer school enrollments are down from previous years which may be a contributing factor because they come in with so much credit. If students get behind they seem to be taking less classes in anticipation that they will make better grades.

Tom Walker stated that the average number of credit hours that engineering freshmen are routinely signing up for has reduced enormously. They are coming in with large amounts of AP credit compared to what it has been in the past. It was asked are students graduating with a greater number of total credits than in previous years. It is noted that statistics would be helpful in reviewing graduation and retention rates and this should be examined and discussed later when data are available.

• The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by,
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