MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
MEETING NO. 365, 15 SEPTEMBER 2005
VENTRESS HALL

Present: Dr. Glenn Hopkins (Dean), Dr. Ronald Vernon (Associate Dean), Professor Jan Murray (Associate Dean), Dr. Holly Reynolds (Assistant Dean), Dr. Charles Ross (African American Studies), Dr. Nancy Wicker (Art), Dr. Steven Threlkeld for Dr. Murray Nabors (Biology), Dr. Charles Hussey (Chemistry), Dr. Mark van Boening (Economics), Dr. Joseph Urgo (English), Dr. Mary Carruth (Gender Studies), Dr. Bob Haws (History), Dr. Michael Metcalf (International Studies), Dr. Kathleen Wickham for Dr. Samir Husni (Journalism), Dr. Tristan Denley (Mathematics), Lt. Col. Joseph Blackburn (Military Science), Dr. Donald Dyer (Modern Languages), Capt. Tim Howington (Naval Science), Dr. Bill Lawhead (Philosophy and Religion), Dr. Tom Marshall (Physics), Dr. Rich Forgets (Political Science), Dr. Michael Allen (Psychology), Dr. David Swanson (Sociology/Anthropology), Dr. Charles Wilson (Southern Studies), Dr. Lucien Cremaldi (Category I representative), Dr. Dan O’Sullivan (Category II representative), and Dr. Tim Nordstrom (Category III representative). Dr. Bettie Puckett (Executive Director of EO/RC) and Ms. Stacey Reycraft (Assistant Director of Student Disability) were also in attendance.

Absent: LTC Kevin Petesch (Aerospace Studies), Dr. Aileen Ajootian (Classics), Conrad Cunningham (Computer Science), Dr. R. P. Major (Geology), and Dr. Scott McCoy (Theatre Arts),

The following course additions, changes, and deletions were approved by the committee.

I. COURSE ADDITIONS, CHANGES, AND DELETIONS

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

ADD: PHYS 607. ATOMIC AND NUCLEAR PHYSICS. Prerequisite: PHYS 451. (3)

II. OTHER BUSINESS

MODERN LANGUAGES

On page 144 of the 2005-06 Undergraduate Catalog.

CHANGE: Students may elect to continue the language begun in high school or may choose to begin another language. Those entering the University with fewer than two years of high school French or Spanish must enroll in French or Spanish 101. Students with two or more years of high school French or Spanish must enroll in French or Spanish 121. Students who wish to continue Latin or Greek from high school should consult with classics faculty for current placement information. The lower-division foreign language requirement may not be fulfilled with courses taken through Independent Study (except for Greek and Latin). Questions regarding placement in all other languages should be directed to the Department of Modern Languages.

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PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

On pages 80-81 of the 2004-05 Graduate Catalog:

CHANGE: Doctor of Philosophy

Specific Requirements: In addition to the general requirements, candidates for the Ph.D. must complete a minimum of 54 credit hours of graduate course work exclusive of thesis credit, in a program approved by the student’s advisory committee. Core courses consisting of Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics (PHY 627, 628), Advanced Mechanics (PHYS 609, 610), Quantum Mechanics (PHY 611, 612), Modern Physics (PHYS 617, 618) and Advanced Electromagnetic Theory (Phys 621, 622) are required of all candidates. Six hours of credit in a related field such as mathematics, chemistry or engineering (or a field approved by the chair), are required, and 12 hours are recommended. A total of 30 hours of credit must be in physics courses at the 600 level.

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III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dr. Puckett presented some information to the committee regarding Department of Labor statistics and the number of applications for faculty positions.
2. Ms. Reycraft made a short presentation about accommodations for students with disabilities.
3. Dean Hopkins made a number of announcements:
   a. TACIT program information was distributed to the committee. The deadline to the office of the Dean is Friday, September 23.
   b. As a result of accreditation, a representative of the School of Education will be attending a faculty meeting in relevant departments in the College during this semester.
   c. Prerequisite checking will not be turned on during the priority registration period this fall. Instead, it will be in mid-November.
   d. Information regarding the ‘mini-semester’ this fall was distributed and discussed.