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Environmental Science Graduate Program

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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**EVS FACULTY MEETING**  
**30 October 2009**

**12:00-1:00 PM, WERI Room 105**

**Present:** J. Brown, M. Golabi, J. Jenson (chair), R. Jones, S. Khosrowpanah, M. Lander, C. Luo, R. Miller, L. Raymundo, Y. Wen

**Absent:** H. Gong, C. Lobban, J. McConnell, T. Marler, M. Marutani, E. Matson, L. Raulerson, P. Schupp, G. Wieko

**I. Reports & Announcements**

A. Executive Committee

- Resource statement for administration. Program Chair has sent memo to administration, based on needs outlined in the 11 March resource statement.

B. Recruiting & Admission Committee

- One new student recently recommended for admission

C. Program & Curriculum Committee

**II. Actions**

- None

**III. Presentation of items proposed for future action**

- None

**V. Other Business**

A. Website demonstration

1. Please update faculty information by emailing Olympia Terral: at [olympia.wptrc@yahoo.com](mailto:olympia.wptrc@yahoo.com)
2. Also, please give her links to information about your projects on your college web pages
3. She will also set up a page for coursework support if you ask her to

B. Course schedule for next spring has been published:

1. Three new 594 courses have been added: oceanography, law, and economics
2. 600-series courses are being amended to it

C. EV Graduate Student Association. New EVS grad student association has been officially formed, provides new venue for faculty interaction.

1. Are scheduling a lunchtime meeting to which they will invite faculty to discuss research projects, RA funding, student interests, and faculty needs for student research assistants—sort of local “research labor and funding bazaar.”
2. For local student recruitment, will request faculty and current grad students visit with senior undergraduate biology, computer science, and business/economics classes near end of this semester to inform students of the EV program and opportunities in it.

D. Proposed course additions/deletions:

1. Cross-list BI505 (Adv in Eco) with EV courses: faculty agreed.
2. Delete EV526, The Microbial Environment? This course is listed in the bulletin, but no one seems to know who teaches it. Is it still offered by anyone? If it has been orphaned, we’ll delete it. Program chair will inquire of faculty who might have taught the course, and if no one claims it, will delete it.
3. Delete EV/BI551, Assess. & Mgt. of Coral Reefs, as EV course, unless BI resumes teaching it. It has not been offered for many years. Biology faculty will probably delete the course.
4. EV552 Evaluation of Environmental Policies and Programs. Will keep, revise, or delete on recommendation of economics faculty. Dr. Brown recommended deleting the course, new course in Environmental Economics will more than take its place; chair will submit the forms.

E. Annual program review/report to be prepared by the Program and Curriculum Committee will contain the following components:

1. Eval and progress report on the new core—suggestions for adjustments, etc
2. Initial report on success of professional track—suggestions for adjustments, items to monitor, etc.
3. Listing and comments on course realignments (i.e., the cross-listings, additions, deletions)
4. Year’s stats on student recruitment, progress, completion

F. Hoarding ceremony. Recommending to CNAS dean that the college have a hoarding ceremony for all of its grad students (including all three of the programs) during week before commencement.

- Executive committee will work with dean’s office and student association to develop plans for inclusion of appropriate ceremony and recognition.

G. Proposed best practice for student selection of advisor and proposal: Students in EV program must (1) identify an advisor by the end of their first semester, (2) present their thesis/project proposal by the end of the second semester.

- Per discussion, will redraft proposal in terms of earned credit hours rather than semesters.

H. Other items for discussion

- Time limit and expiration of credits: AVP-GSSPR will be developing university policy with advice of Graduate Advisory Council
- Professional track projects: Faculty advising students on professional projects should be aware that standards are the same as for research theses, and that requirements (e.g., proposals, writing, defense, corrections) are also the same.

**V. Adjourned at 1:00 PM**

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Attachments: None

NEXT MEETING: 26 Feb 2010, noon-1PM