

**Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Appeals and Academic Matters (Full Committee)
Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

Present: Seitzman (AE), Pikowsky (REG), Ferri (ME), Isbell (CoC), Castro-Lacouture (ARCH), Hollengreen (ARCH), Senf (LCC), Agrawal (ChBE), Belton (ECON), Bottomley (CHEM), Loss (MATH), Stein (ODOS)

Visitors: Laros (REG), Howson (REG), Senft (REG)

Note: All action items in these minutes require approval by the Academic Senate. In some instances, items may require further approval by the Board of Regents or the University System of Georgia. If the Regents' approval is required, the change is not official until notification is received from the Board to that effect. Academic units should take no action on these items until USG and/or BOR approval is secured. In addition, units should take no action on any of the items below until these minutes have been approved by the Academic Senate or the Executive Board.

Academic Matters

1. The Committee discussed a program called “Don’t Cancel that Class Initiative” offered by the Office of the Dean of Students. The discussion included information on similar programs at other institutions that were used to model the program at Tech. Committee members noted the potential benefits of such a program, intended to provide useful and relevant information to students in a venue and time that might otherwise be left empty by the need of an instructor to cancel a regularly scheduled class meeting. It was also noted that this program was not intended to provide a “substitute instructor” or “substitute content” for a course, but rather to offer an alternative of unrelated material to use time left vacant by a cancellation.

Committee members noted that the general policy at Tech is that we do not cancel classes. Instructors are expected to plan for absences by contacting other faculty to substitute or scheduling a make-up class meeting. The existence of such a program, especially without careful “marketing” might send a contradictory message on the GT class cancellation policy. Concern was also raised about how the program would be administered and monitored to ensure that the necessary coverage of academic course content does not suffer.

The Committee concluded that although the program has the potential for providing quality alternative content, focusing it on cancelled class sessions is not the best way to proceed. The same content could be delivered through other avenues, e.g., GT 1000, or some other process that is not directed to the cancellation of regular class sessions.

2. A motion was made to approve a request from the College of Management for a new course. The motion was tabled.

NEW COURSE: Tabled

MGT 4043: Advanced Financial Reporting 3-0-3

Note: There was no representative from the College of Management to address the request.

Motion will be added to November 2nd Agenda.

3. A motion was made to approve a request from the School of Computer Science for a new course. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW COURSE:

CS 4649: Robot Intelligence: Planning 3-0-3

Note: A jointly listed graduate version of this course is planned to be presented to the GCC at a future date.

Petitions

1. A motion was made to approve a petition to use both ECON 2100 and ECON 2105 to meet social science credit requirements. The motion was seconded and approved.
2. A motion was made to approve the appeal of a petition to increase credit for research hours in the Summer 2010 term. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adjourned,

Reta Pikowsky
Registrar