

SUMMARY REPORT

Edison State College CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009, at 1:00 pm in TAENI HALL, ROOM S 117

The Proposals for Action Items ## 1 – 4 and # 6 were Accepted on a Voice Vote with Minor Corrections.

Action Item # 1

Proposal: Dr. Theo Koupelis proposed a change in the course title from *BSC 1050 C : Environmental Biology : Man and the Environment* to ***BSC 1050 C: Environmental Biology: Our Global Environment***. The applicable date would be Fall 2009.

Explanation: The new course title conforms with other colleges offering this course and avoids the potential sexism of the original course title.

Recommendation: On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted with Minor Corrections.

Status:

approved Steve A. H. 2/13/09

Action Item # 2

Proposal: Dr. Theo Koupelis proposed a change in course title from *BSC 1051 C: Environmental Biology: South Florida Environments* to ***BSC 1051 C: Environmental Biology: South Florida Ecosystems***. The applicable date would be Fall 2009.

Explanation: This change would comply with the course's title in the State's website. It was suggested by Committee members that a more accurate title would be ***BSC 1051 C: Environmental Biology: Southwest Florida Ecosystems***. This additional modification of the title will also necessitate a corresponding change in the course description.

Recommendation: On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted with Minor Corrections.

Status:

approved S. A. H. 2/13/09

Action Item # 3

Proposal: Dr. Theo Koupelis proposed a change in course title for *OCE 1001 C: Oceanography I: A Multidisciplinary Science* to ***OCE 1001 C: Introduction to Oceanography***. The applicable date would be Fall 2009.

Explanation: The new title reflects the title used by the majority of colleges in Florida.

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Recommendation: On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted with Minor Corrections.

Status:

approved
Steve Atn 2/13/09

Action Item # 4

Proposal: Dr. Theo Koupelis proposed a change in course title from *OCE 1002 C: Oceanography II: A Multidisciplinary Science* to ***OCB 1001 C: The Living Ocean***. The applicable date would be Fall 2009.

Explanation: The new title better describes the course content by distinguishing between marine biology and biological oceanography.

Recommendation: On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted with Minor Corrections.

Status:

approved S. Atn 2/13/09

Action Item # 5

Proposal: Dr. Theo Koupelis proposed changes to the course prerequisites for *CHM 2045: General Chemistry I* from the current prerequisites of *CHM 2025 & CHM 2025 L* (No student will be allowed to begin *CHM 2045* without *CHM 2025 & CHM 2025 L* completed unless written permission is first obtained from the instructor) to ***CHM 2025 & CHM 2025 L with a grade of "C" or better OR CHM 2032 & CHM 2032 L with a grade of "C" or better OR Testing***. The applicable date would be Fall 2009.

Explanation: These changes reflect the development of the new courses, *CHM 2032* and *CHM 2032 L*, as well as the development of a by-pass test requested by the Education Department. The by-pass test is designed for students who have adequate chemistry background to succeed in *CHM 2045* without having to take introductory chemistry courses. Professor Russell Swanson inquired about what are the standards behind the by-pass test. Professor Lisa Rice stated that the chemistry department agreed upon the test by committee. Dr. Atkins suggested piloting the test with a small group of students. Dr. Koupelis advocated assigning the by-pass test to 2045 students as homework. Dr. Link commented that it is a departmental test. Dr. Koupelis pointed out that Dean Beeson no longer allows "permission of the instructor." Kathy Morris asked if students could CLEP. Professor Rice replied that Chemistry CLEP isn't for introductory chemistry. Professor Jennifer Grove asked who informs students about these matters. Professor Bob Burns answered that the department and general advisors tell students.

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Kathy Morris wanted clarification on the term "testing." There was debate about the objectivity/subjectivity of the by-pass test for *CHM 2045*.

Recommendation: On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted with Minor Corrections.

Status: *approved J.ATH 2/13/09*

Action Item # 6

Proposal: Dr. Theo Koupelis proposed a change in course title from *STA 2023: Introductory Statistics* to *STA 2023: Statistical Methods I*. The applicable date would be Fall 2009.

Explanation: The proposed new title matches the most current Statewide course Numbering System title.

Recommendation: On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted with Minor Corrections.

Status: *approval J.ATH 2/13/09*

Information Item # 7

Rewording of learning outcomes that include "criticize" or "critique of" was suggested for the science course syllabi that have gone through the ongoing Curriculum Review Project. Professor Grove asked what HSC and ISC fall under and mentioned that there was a need to define CAT.

Information Item # 8

There was considerable discussion of the change in lab course credits from 3 or 2 credits to 1 credit for the science courses. Professor Rice pointed out that this change was necessary, especially for pre-engineering students and pre-pharmacy students because the engineering and pharmacy schools will not accept three-credit labs. While this change will result in a revenue loss to Edison State College, the college will only lose about \$60,000 according to Professor Rice. Regarding the new requirement that students take the lab component at the same time they take a science lecture course, Kathy Morris asked about the situation of a student who has laboratory credit from another institution, but needs an override just to take the science lecture course. Professor Rice assured the Committee that the student would be able to obtain the override.

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Preliminary Discussion and Final Comments

At the beginning of the meeting, Pam Mangene was introduced and warmly welcomed as the new Academic Services Manager. Dr. Atkins updated the Curriculum Committee that the proposed changes to the Curriculum Committee Proposal Submission Process were being revised and refined.

After consideration of the Action Items and questions about the Information Items were completed, Dr. Henry Linck praised the materials that Dr. Koupelis submitted for the Curriculum Committee to review. Dr. Linck said that the materials are exceptionally well done and such excellence is greatly appreciated. Professor Jennifer Grove commented that the pdf file is an improvement on distributing the Curriculum Committee proposals, but she found the arrangement of placing the proposals first with syllabi following later to be confusing. Dr. Atkins clarified that discipline chairs are not the same as academic chairs in response to a question about this by Professor Barbara Griffith.

*Noted
S. Atkins 2/13/09*

End of Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of Curriculum Committee