

**Natural Sciences Division
Curriculum Committee Minutes
Nov 6, 2012**

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Carey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karla Coti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Ebiner
<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Gaines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eyal Goldmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Leonelli
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vincent Lloyd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abiodun Osanyinpeju	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shanna Potter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Shankweiler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eyob Wallano	

Guests: none

Curriculum for Spring 2013 Review

Courses for spring review are Biology 101, 102, 103, 17, Chemistry 4, Geology 30, 32, 34, 36, Physics 2A, 2B. Chemistry is discussing the additional of English 1A eligibility prerequisite.

TMC Updates

The AS-T degree for Geology is complete and state approved. The inactivation for the old Geology AS degree is in process. The geography AS-T degree is being finalized at CCC before being sent to the state. Physics AS-T degree is awaiting state approval.

Degree Inactivations

The committee voted unanimously to approve the inactivation of the AS-T Geology degree and the AS-T Geography degree once the approval from the chancellor's office is complete. The physics department will discuss and vote at the next department meeting.

Repeatable Courses

The committee discussed the repeatable courses in our division: Astronomy 13abc and Geography 20abcd. Neither course meets the requirements for repeatability. We have been unable to find CSU majors that require the courses for transfer. The committee agreed the courses would be changed to non-repeatable courses: Astronomy 13 and Geography 20. These course numbers are appropriate and have not been used for any other course in the respective departments.

Other

A general discussion was held on the current curriculum and how to get the courses reviewed by faculty members in a timely manner and then moved through the curriculum process. It seems the courses never get back to the DCC when they are sent back to the authors for corrections. We also need to pay more attention to wording on the reading and writing recommendations. The justifications and skills need to match the recommendation being made.

Next Meeting

The meeting on Friday November 30 will be cancelled.