Department of Library Science  
College of Education  
East Carolina University  
Minutes of the Library Science Curriculum Committee  
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Members present: Beth Briggs, Ruth Clark, John Harer, Karen Mathis, Patrick Valentine

Meeting agenda discussion: The meeting was convened by Harer at 1:30 p.m. Handouts:
- Agenda
- Minutes from 1/18/2011 Meeting
- Recommendations for Banked Courses
- LIBS 6010 Course Proposal Form
- LIBS 6026 Course Proposal Form
- LIBS 6018 Course Proposal Form
- Current Catalog Copy
- Proposed Revised Catalog Copy

I. Committee members approved the agenda. Briggs made a motion to approve the Minutes from 1/18/2011 Meeting of the LS Curriculum Committee; Valentine seconded. There was no discussion. Minutes approved. Harer indicated the committee's plans will be to improve the curriculum process as recommended by Haycock and Turner in their review of our original ALA candidacy request:
   a. Process for gathering input on curriculum and how it will be used
   b. Putting a student on the committee
   c. Pathway advisory councils
   d. Annual survey on curriculum
   e. Exit survey data
   f. Define a process for curriculum

II. Report on banked courses submitted to GSAB and GCC – Harer said Gemperline requested additional justification for 4 or 5 of the courses listed on the recommendation as needing to be retained. Valentine said we could use the justification that deleting these courses might hamper ALA-accreditation; the courses will be needed especially for the academic pathway, post-accreditation. Harer said many of the courses offered up for deletion were early courses which had been revised and renumbered. The original intention had been to bank the 8000-level courses but since we no longer offer a doctoral concentration there was really no justification for keeping these courses and Harer decided to recommend deleting. If and when a doctoral program is ever established, new course numbers can be requested.

III. Academic Library Pathway
   a. Revision on program description of advising form to complete a concentration in Community College Libraries and add the Certificate in Community College Instruction currently offered through the Department of Counselor and Adult Education. Harer met with Drs. Steve Schmidt and Vivian Mott from COAD. Both are totally behind making the certificate available to library science students interested in the community college libraries sub-pathway. The Certificate has three required courses and three electives – the three required courses would fit within the LS student’s allotted electives; the three two electives for the Certificate can be library science courses.
b. Tier 3 required courses would include 6018 Collection Development, 6810 The Academic Library, and electives in sub-pathway areas of General or Technical Services. Mathis mentioned that there have been several requests for advanced reference courses. For a sub-pathway in community college libraries students would take the three community college courses offered through COAD and 7020 (should be 7060 Seminar on Community College Learning Resource Centers).

c. Harer will draft language for program description for academic library pathway to include the sub-pathways; he will get Dr. Mott’s input and bring back to the committee.

IV. Revisions for Tier 1, 2, and 3 required courses – tentative course proposals for one course in each tier presented.

a. Recommended language change in Part 4 of proposal forms for all forms other than 6010 – removal of the word “prerequisite” and removal of “proposes the prerequisite and” from the justification.

b. Part 5 recommendations –
   i. 6010 removal of “completion prior to courses in Tier 2; demonstrated competency in” – use “knowledge of” instead
   ii. 6012 and 6042 will use P/C (prerequisite/corequisite)

c. Harer indicated we are not looking to change course content; he will complete the first part of the forms using the last known proposal or syllabi. He will ask instructors to complete the section on course objectives. Briggs said the committee needs to see each proposal for editing.

V. Revisions to the program description (after completion of course proposals) – Clark said this is a two-step process. Proposals and changes to curriculum can be sent through as one package. Once it has been approved, and only after it has been approved, can the catalog copy be changed. Harer recommended tabling revisions of the catalog copy pertaining to the tiers; he will seek clarification from Vivian Mott. Harer said he will create a package to get the curriculum approved. Harer said there is an expectation from ALA candidacy recommendations that a cohesive curriculum for the academic pathway will be created. Clark said Harer can go ahead and create an advising form for the community college sub-path and submit it as an appendix to the ALA Candidacy request. Harer will table any work on catalog copy until after the curriculum changes are approved.

VI. 078 Licensure discussion – Clark recommended Harer meet with Yontz and Yontz make the decision about deleting 078 licensure from the catalog. The Curriculum Committee made the recommendation that this will be Yontz’s decision.

Briggs made a motion for adjournment; Clark seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.