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HUXLEY COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
 Record of Electronic Action February 28, 2018

Meeting Location: Feb 28, 2018: digital voting online

Feb 28, 2018 Minutes (digital vote with Curriculog Agenda)

This meeting was just for online digital votes for last minute Curriculog Items and late request from a student to waive a class required in a major

ACTION ITEMS FROM FEB 28, 2018

1. **CURRICULOG AGENDA: HCCC Feb 28 (digital)**

Total of 4 Curriculog proposals reviewed and approved:

3 proposals approved by HCCC and 1 informational item.

- 1 Information Item, new temporary course in Environmental Sciences:
 - [ESCI 297- Beginning Biology](#)
- 2 proposals approved to the Academic Coordinating Commission:
 - 1 Request for Course Revision in Environmental Studies
 - [ENVS 431: Pacific Rim: Environment, Economy and Sustainability](#) (prereqs)
 - 1 Requests for Program Revisions in Environmental Studies
 - [Environmental Studies/Journalism, BA](#) (electives)
- 1 proposals approved to the TCCC:
 - 1 Requests for Program Revisions in Environmental Studies: [Environmental Studies-Elementary, BAE](#)

DENIED, BY DIGITAL VOTE ON MAR 1, 2018

2. **Request for course to be waived from ESCI major requirement from student:**

ESCI student Max Boock is requesting to waive CHEM 354, 3rd class of the 3-part organic chemistry series. ESCI catalog states that students choose the type of organic chemistry by taking EITHER CHEM 251 OR suite of 3-courses CHEM 351, CHEM 352 and CHEM 354.

-see APPENDIX A for student's letter to HCCC of this agenda

Huxley College Curriculum Committee (HCCC) – ROSTER 2017-18

VOTING ATTENDEES			NON-VOTING ATTENDEES	
Faculty members			Advisory members (if applicable)	
Bauman, Jenise	Environmental Sciences	P	Patrick, Kathryn, <i>Huxley Undergraduate Advisor</i>	P
Berardi, Gigi	Environmental Studies	A	Weber, Ed, <i>Huxley Grad Programs Coordinator</i>	P
Love, Brooke	Environmental Sciences	P	Guests	
Melious, Jean (Chair)	Environmental Studies	P		
Paci-Green, Rebekah	Environmental Studies	P		
Wallin, David	Environmental Sciences	P		
Student members				
Jamieson, Whitaker, <i>Environmental Sciences</i>		P		
Ex-Officio members			<i>Voting attendees</i>	9
Kawczynski, Rose, <i>ESCI, Department Manager</i>		P		
Knutson, Diane, <i>ENVS, Department Manager</i>		P	Non-voting attendees	2
Moores, Mary, <i>Huxley College Undergraduate Advisor</i>		P	TOTAL ATTENDEES	11

APPENDIX A

Letter from student Max Boock request course waiver in major

February 27th, 2018

To the Huxley Curriculum Committee,

I am writing to you to make a case for a waiver on the class CHEM 354, Organic Chemistry Lab, the third class of the three-part organic chemistry series. I am currently taking CHEM 352 and have completed CHEM 351 and the General Chemistry series. My reasoning is as follows:

CHEM 354 is only a 3 credit class and yet is seven hours a week. This structure would take away time I could use for classes that are more relevant to my major and field of interest. My major is Environmental Science Terrestrial Ecology and with that major I hope to become a wildlife biologist or biodiversity conservationist. I have talked to several people who are employed in this field and as far as I am aware organic chemistry is not a skill they have utilized, especially in a lab setting. Though Dr. David Wallin told me that sometimes specific classes do become necessary later in research, I don't believe organic chemistry lab will reappear in my future work.

Also, I have already completed the general chemistry series and will complete the introductory biology series so I have an understanding of lab safety procedures and techniques, even though I don't ever imagine I will work in a lab. The techniques that I could benefit from lab are already mentioned in the CHEM 352 lecture and all the material included in CHEM 354 is taught in CHEM 352, just without the application.

I understand that some graduate schools may require a full year of organic chemistry. I recognize that asking for CHEM 354 to be waived as a undergraduate graduation requirement is a bit risky since I don't know yet where I would like to apply for graduate school, but it won't prevent me from going to graduate school entirely. Also, biology majors at Western are not required to take the Organic Chemistry lab though someone with a biology or environmental science undergraduate degree could apply for the same graduate program. If necessary, I am willing to supplement the credits of CHEM 354 with another class as I understand that may be part of the exchange.

I believe this will be more beneficial to me in the long run, allowing me to take classes that are more relevant to what I want to do with my degree. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Max Boock
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