The University Curriculum Committee met on March 31, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in room 401 of the Franklin House. Minutes of the February 17, 2006, meeting were approved.

The committee approved the following proposals which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council for consideration:

Proposal for a Master of Science in Bioinformatics (M.S.), Non-Thesis (M.S.)
Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Bioinformatics (Ph.D.)
Proposal for a Dual Degree between Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) and Jurisprudence Doctor (J.D.)
Proposal to offer a Master of Science in Pharmacy (M.S.) through Distance Education
Proposal to Deactivate the Minor in Psychology
Proposal for a major name change in Social Science Education under the B.S.Ed., M.Ed., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Proposal to offer the major in Consumer Economics (B.S.F.C.S.) as an External Degree at Griffin
Proposal to offer the major in Mathematics Education (M.Ed., Ed.S.) as an External Degree at Griffin
Proposal to offer the major in Agribusiness (B.S.A.) as an External Degree at Griffin
Proposal for a major name change from Agricultural Economics to Agricultural and Applied Economics (B.S.A.)
Proposal for an Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Certificate in Disability Studies

The University Curriculum Committee approved, with regret, the deactivation of the minor in Psychology. The Committee understands the lack of resources facing the department and supports the department's priorities. Nevertheless, the deactivation of the minor is a clear loss to the liberal arts program at the University and diminishes the academic opportunities available to undergraduates. It is the strong recommendation of the UCC that resources be made available to Psychology at the earliest opportunity so that it may restore this important component of liberal arts education.
The committee approved a proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Residential Property Management under the major in Housing (B.S.F.C.S.).

The committee approved a new prefix: POPH – Population Health.

The committee discussed the revisions to the Bylaws regarding University Council Standing Committees proposed by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee. There was discussion on the consequences of the changes specifically the change of wording from “elect” to “select.” The committee did not agree on whether this change would be beneficial for the functioning of the University Curriculum Committee.

The committee approved a request from the General Education Subcommittee to compile an inventory of University of Georgia courses that include General Education Abilities.

The committee received as an information item a draft of a proposed General Education curriculum. This draft will be considered by the University Curriculum Committee in the fall.

The committee re-elected Dr. William Vencill as chair for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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University Curriculum Committee

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