

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution on Curriculum Item 13-150 – OCN 510: Zooplankton Ecology
#26-13/14-ICC – January 28, 2014

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that Curriculum Proposal 13-150, listed below, be approved.

***13-150 OCN 510: Zooplankton Ecology – New Course Proposal**

A new graduate course intended for marine science oriented graduate students is proposed, which is an addition to the already existing class OCN 410: Zooplankton Ecology. Currently undergraduate and graduate students can enroll in OCN 410; however, including 1 extra unit to the lecture and lab portion of 410 in the form of a discussion that will facilitate the more rigorous assignments and reading loads expected of the graduate students is proposed for OCN 510. This will benefit graduate students by providing more depth of material and will also benefit undergraduates as they will observe the 510 students' final presentations at the end of the semester. Lastly, there are few 500 level laboratory based courses available to graduate students in the marine science oriented programs.

Rationale:

Note: This proposal engendered a great deal of discussion and disagreement at the ICC. As part of her interactions with WASC and other state and national organizations, Vice Provost Jená Burges has been coming to understand that graduate coursework must be distinct from Undergraduate coursework. She feels that this proposal does not mesh with her evolving understanding of what is acceptable. The majority of the other ICC members felt that this course solidly satisfies the Guidelines that HSU currently has for Co-scheduled courses, and that proposals such as this should be approved until we develop a different clear policy on Co-scheduled Grad/Undergrad courses. The ICC voted to approve this course and send it to the Senate for approval, but our expectation is that the Vice Provost is likely not to approve it. (We have also directed the Academic Policies committee to begin work on Policy about Co-Scheduled Grad/UG courses.)

One further note: If this proposal SHOULD be approved by the Vice-Provost, the program will need to choose a different course number because OCN 510 is already in use. The ICC didn't bother to address this issue, because we expect the proposal will not be approved.

*Curriculum forms are available in Nolij.

University Senate:
Provost Snyder: