

UCRC – March 26, 2007 Summary of meeting

1. A change in name of the B.S. Degree in Management was approved. The new name is Bachelor of Science in Business.
2. Chem Eng 101 was changed from 1-0-1 to 1-0-0.
3. Course descriptions for STS 257 and 258 were revised. These courses were also approved to satisfy the lower level GUR in Social Sciences.
4. ECE lab courses 429 and 459 were changed from 0-3-1 to 0-4-2. The COE curriculum was increased from 131 to 132 credits as a result.
5. A special topics ECE course was approved, ECE 498.
6. UCRC formalized its policy on special topics courses. The following was unanimously approved: Special Topics courses can run at most two times before they must be brought to UCRC for approval as a new course.
7. Approval on a one-time basis for Fall 2007 was granted to the math department to add a second recitation hour to Math 099 and Math 108.
8. The Honors college sub-committee reported that it is working on defining a set of criteria for what constitutes an honors course. The sub-committee is also working on criteria for awarding honors credit for completion of a non-honors courses in which the student completes additional work.
9. The Statewide Transfer Agreement was discussed. UCRC members were very concerned about the possible (negative) impacts this agreement may have on our curriculum. In particular, concern was raised that the agreement may compromise our university's academic standards. Discussion of implementing a consistent institute wide D grade policy occurred.
10. The issue of possibly exempting some students from taking the entrance placement exam was discussed. It was agreed that no changes should be decided on prior to the completion of the external review of the placement exam process (April , 2007).
11. Graduation requirements were discussed. A primary concern is the minimal number of credits that a student need take at NJIT in order to obtain an NJIT degree. The current requirement states that at least 33 credits must be taken at NJIT, the rest may come as transfer credit.