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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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Recommends approval of the listed **COURSE CHANGES** for the following colleges and/or schools:

- **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

GEO 101 Physical Geography

Change in credit hours: **FROM:** 3 hours **TO:** 4 hours

Rationale: To combine the co-requisite lecture (GEO 101, 3 credits) and lab (GEO 101L, 1 credit) courses into a 4-credit course to avoid future registration problems.

-AND-

Change in catalog description: **FROM:** no changes **TO:** Delete "co-requisite GEO 101L"

Rationale: GEO 101L contents will be included in the 4-credit course.

- **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

PS 425 Development of Scientific Thought

Change in course number: **FROM:** PS 425 **TO:** PS 325

Rationale: The course need not be restricted to seniors.

-AND-

Change in credit hours: **FROM:** 3 hours **TO:** 4 hours

Rationale: To provide a lab session for associated activities.

-AND-

Change in catalog description: **FROM:** Development of Scientific Thought 3 Hrs. Offered on demand. A study of the people and ideas which have influenced science: the philosophy of their periods; the economic conditions leading to scientific advancement and the works of the foremost scientists in this field. (PR: a total of 12 hrs. in Physical Science, Physics and Chemistry) **TO:** An introduction to the history and nature of science, emphasizing the logic of scientific reasoning and progress with social and historical influences. Includes lab. (PR: 12 hrs of science)

Rationale: Clarify content; will be offered each spring (Note: This class is now required of all science teacher candidates).

- **SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATIONS**

JMC 102 Information Gathering & Research

Change in catalog description: **FROM:** Information and research techniques used by media professionals, including academic, community and political sources. Course covers interviewing, some formal research and computer-assisted information gathering. (PR: JMC 101) **TO:** Information gathering for media professionals including critical thinking, computer search tools, writing, editing, information use, word use fundamentals, interviewing, research, library use, and construction for mass communications professionals. (PR: JMC 101)

Rationale: JMC 102 is the gateway for all majors. A such, it represents a beginning point for the most fundamental of information techniques—gathering, recognizing, sifting, and presenting, at least very basically. SOJMC has recently dropped a course, JMC 100, at the university's correct

insistence because it did not count toward graduation hours. As a result, JMC 102 now includes many of the elements of JMC 100, including grammar, syntax, editing, proof reading, and word management. It also now includes the language skills component required by SOJMC for admission.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: Larry Stibler DATE: 12/6/2007

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