College of the Environment Curriculum Committee  
Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2015  
2:00-3:30 PM, Ocean Sciences Building, Room 203 (Dean’s Office suite conference room)

Present:

• Aquatic & Fishery Sciences – Kerry Naish
• Earth & Space Sciences – Drew Gorman-Lewis
• Environmental & Forest Sciences – Kern Ewing
• Friday Harbor Laboratories – Megan Dethier
• Marine & Environmental Affairs – Nives Dolsak
• Oceanography – Bob Morris
• Program on the Environment – Clare Ryan
• Graduate Student Representative – Emma Hodgson (Aquatic & Fishery Sciences)
• Undergraduate Student Representative – Mariko Kobayashi (Environmental Studies)
• CoEnv Dean’s Office (ex officio) – Michelle Hall

1. Drew Gorman-Lewis presented a new course proposal from the Department of Earth & Space Sciences, ESS 425/525 “Tectonic Geomorphology,” and the committee approved the proposal.

2. Megan Dethier presented a course change proposal from Friday Harbor Laboratories, FHL 446 “Marine Botany: Diversity and Ecology,” to change the course level from graduate to undergraduate and to change the course number and title. The committee approved the proposal.

3. Bob Morris offered an overview of the curriculum redesign underway for the Oceanography undergraduate major, including plans to create three new interdisciplinary 300-level core courses. Morris presented two proposals, and the committee approved the proposals pending final edits:
   • Course change, OCEAN 285 “Physics Across Oceanography: Fluid Mechanics and Waves” – adding a 3-credit option and updating the prerequisites; the committee requested confirmation of whether the 3-credit section can have different prerequisites than the 5-credit section.
   • New course, OCEAN 330 “Marine Biogeochemical Cycles”

4. Kerry Naish presented proposed changes to the requirements (Form 1503) for the Major and Minor in Aquatic & Fishery Sciences, and the committee approved the proposals:
   • Revised requirements for the Minor in Aquatic & Fishery Sciences to restrict the number of credits that can overlap with a student’s major.
   • Revised requirements for the Major in Aquatic & Fishery Sciences.
5. Megan Dethier offered a brief update on the status of the proposed new Major in Marine Biology, noting that the College of the Environment Dean’s Office is still working with Chairs and Directors of affected units to finalize the financial and administrative details.

6. Next steps and action items:
   - Hall will contact Jennifer Payne to clarify prerequisites issue with OCEAN 285 course change and will coordinate with Morris to make any final revisions before submission to the UW Curriculum Committee.

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.