Minutes of 11/2/2011 approved.

**Concern raised in UWIC regarding non-LEP prerequisites for T2 courses**

Deb began meeting with request to move to discussion of whether or not it is appropriate to have T2 courses with pre-requisites that are not part of the LEP. UWIC has asked LEP to consider the question because there is a course currently before them containing such a prerequisite.

A number of members were ambivalent.

The primary concern was that the practice could result in too many departments proposing such courses, thereby either reducing student options, violating the “spirit” of the LEP and/or prolonging the time it would take to complete a degree.

On the other hand, many felt such courses would not present a problem if there are a sufficient number of T2 courses available without a non-LEP prerequisite.

Kim raised a concern regarding “messy” advising and the creation of a more crucial need for students to plan ahead so they do not end up having to take a course that they are either not interested in or that has an unwanted prerequisite.

Deb expressed concern that placing a prohibition on T2 courses with non-LEP prerequisites would keep departments from proposing T2 courses.

It was noted that there is precedent for allowing courses with non-LEP prerequisites—at least one has already been passed by UWIC.
The question arose as to whether a tier 2 course may count as either a course in the major or a course in the LEP (but not both at the same time). The answer is yes.

Why, if students have the necessary T1 course, is there a problem with them taking a course with a prerequisite?

Wes and Rich felt that departments ought to have the right to set whatever prerequisites that they want to set, and that if a course is appropriate as a T2 course, it should be approved as such regardless of its prerequisites. It may be a concern, but it should not be a hard and fast rule.

Jim suggested a motion asking that the LEP “suggest” or “request” that departments not include non—LEP courses as prerequisites for their T2 proposals.

Wes suggested that such language could influence UWIC’s decision as to whether to pass or not pass a course. He suggested the alternative: “request that departments carefully consider.”

The following motion was made:

*The LEPC moves that UCF request that proposers carefully consider the necessity of requiring a non-LEP prerequisite for T2 courses.*

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm