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New Course Request

SDSU  Natural Resource Management  Laurie Stenberg Nichols  10-11-11

Institution  Division/Department  Institutional Approval Signature  Date

Section 1. Course Title and Description

Prefix & No.  Course Title  Credits
WL 361  Survey of Amphibians and Reptiles  2

Course Description:  2 credits, spring semester.  This course provides an overview of amphibians and reptiles; lecture topics will primarily focus on life history with some information provided on identification.  Prerequisites: BIOL 101-101L or BIOL 151-151L.

Section 2. Review of Course

Will this be a common or unique course?  (select the appropriate option below)

X  This course will be a unique course. (Go to Section 3.)

Section 3. Other Course Information

1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

X  No, schedule management.  Explain: The course will be taught by Dr. Charles Dieter, whose instructional time will be available because he will no longer offer ZOOL 365-365L Vertebrate Zoology.  Given that ichthyology, ornithology, and mammalogy are already available at SDSU, and with the addition of this overview course on amphibian and reptiles, all components of vertebrate zoology will now be covered and the vertebrate zoology course will no longer be needed.

2. Existing program in which course will be offered:  Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

3. Proposed instructional method:  Lecture (R)  

(may be found at http://www.sdbor.edu/administration/academics/aac/guidelines.htm )

Provide a brief justification:  Course content as described can best be covered in a lecture only delivery format.  Our specimen collection is insufficient to teach a thorough laboratory in reptile and amphibian identification.

4. Proposed primary delivery:  001 Face to Face, Term Based Instruction

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5. Term in which change will be effective: Spring 2012

6. Can this course be repeated for additional credit?
   ______ Yes, total credit limit: ________ X No.

7. Will the grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)? ______ Yes ______ X No

8. Will section enrollments be capped?
   ______ Yes, maximum per section ________ X No

9. Will this course be equated (i.e. considered the same course for degree completion) with any
   other unique or common course in the course database? ______ Yes ______ X No

10. Is this prefix already approved for your university? ______ Yes ______ X No
    If no, provide a brief justification:

Section 4. To be completed by Academic Affairs

1. University department code: SNRM

2. Proposed CIP code: 260701
   ______ Yes ______ X No