

Minutes
LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
23 February, 2017 Online

Present: E. Reilly, M. Knoch, Z. Stiegler, Y. Asamoah, S. Ghosh, L. Ott, M. Williams, E. Gessler, F. Slack, R. Sweeny

No presence: C. Nicholas

I. Writing

a. Type II Departmental Commitment

- i. 16-122b COMM 315 Persuasive Media Writing
 - 1. Committee recommends for approval

II. Course Revisions/New Courses/Proposals

a. 16-122a COMM 315 Persuasive Media Writing

- i. Recommends that SLO #1 be stated as "Identify characteristics of media audience through audience analysis"?
- ii. Committee asks for rephrasing on SLO #6
- iii. Clarify if SLOs #3 & 5 are related to each other, or what their differences are regarding projected outcomes
- iv. Committee recommends provisional approval

b. 16-125 SPAN 244 Modern Mexico

- i. Committee recommends for approval, and Global Multicultural Awareness designation
- ii. Committee recommends approval

c. 16-124 HIST 347 Top Secret America

- i. Recommends requesting a letter of support from the Political Science department
- ii. Learning outcome #3 should be narrowed down to one form of expectation
- iii. Learning outcomes #4 and #5 for be reworded so it is more quantifiable
- iv. Review the class hours under section G and likewise remove class hours from the Brief Course Outline section
- v. Expand upon LS description of required content, explaining how course content meets LS elective requirements
 - 1. Committee suggests providing examples of assignments under each objective, clarifying how it meets LS course content requirements
- vi. Need additional explanation of how women and minorities will be included in the course.

1. Paragraph "This course is built on the idea that there is a balance between government growth/efficacy for the sake of national security and the protection of civil rights/privacy. Race and Minority rights play a crucial role in this dialog and feature prominently in the course. After all, racial conflict and discrimination are a threat to national security, too" does not provide clarity
 2. Committee recommends that a more detailed course outline be provided, sharing specific examples on these groups contributions
- vii. Committee recommends returning the proposal

III. Adjournment