

APPROVED MINUTES

University Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

103 Humanities and Social Sciences Building

I. Call to Order

In attendance - Ali, Black, Cooper, Engelstad, Fair, Greenawalt, Killam, Kissel, Kleinman, Lengel, Miller, Mocek, Pararai, Pelosi, Racchini, Reilly, Sechrist Excused: Irani

II. Approval of September 26, 2017 Minutes

Motion to accept as presented from Pararai/Black
Three abstentions from those not at meeting.

II. Co-Chairs Report

- a. Welcome to new members: Rosemary Engelstad (Music), Lynanne Black (Educ. & School Psychology) and student Michelle Lengel (International Studies/History)
- b. Department Honors Thesis (see X-drive that shows a Senate Policy approving a generic departmental honors thesis course.)
 - Michelle Papaki, Journalism and Public Relations Chair, wants to get this on the Spring schedule. “JRNL 483 Honors Thesis.”
 - Should she put it in the IWiki or move it straight from the committee to Senate? Consensus seems to be that it should go into the IWiki. Make it simple, but it needs to include some outcomes and assessment. It will to the top of the Agenda when it is in.
 - Question is what constitutes a student getting into a departmental honors program? since the department does not have a honors program.
 - Discussion continues regarding departments with their own honors programs.
- c. Course and program proposals for drones have been returned to the department until the drone policy passes Senate.
- d. One of the courses listed in the Sustainability Minor that is missing in the current catalog— Environmental Literature—is on the schedule for the Spring semester.

III. Liberal Studies Committee Report

- a. 16-66a DANC 355 Dance Production: Administration to Creation, Type II Writing Intensive (see X-drive)
 - This course (Type 1) was approved by this body but the Type II was not approved. On the signature page the course number was wrong, but now the correct signature page has been returned to Liberal Studies so they would like it moved onto Senate.
 - Motion to approve as a Type II Writing Intensive course by Greenawalt/Ali
- b. HIST/PLSC 348 Top Secret America: The Rise and Reach of the National Security State was approved last spring but the LSE approval as an Information Literacy course was not included in the Liberal Studies report—this will be added to the November Senate agenda.
 - Asked that a course when it is being proposed if it is a LS course to be noted on the agenda.
 - The co-chair noted that COMM 261 was also not included in the LS report last spring. Requested that once a semester that the Senate agendas be reviewed by the Liberal Studies Office to make sure that all of these courses are reported to Senate.

IV. Items for Review/Possible Action:

- a. 17-31a GEOG/RGPL 420 Technical Issues in Geographic Information Systems, dual list
 - Course going through as dual level (but we are only looking at the 420 version).
 - Will need a regional planning description as well.
 - Needs to spell out the full course title (which is how it is in the catalog)

- On a Fair/Greenawalt motion for provisional approval. Sechrist abstained.
- b. 17-31b GEOG/RGPL 455 Advanced Remote Sensing, new course
 - Does not need name of courses in prerequisite section
 - Some were concerned that the catalog description did not emphasize that it is an advanced course.
 - No discussion of how the SLO will be achieved. Section O needs to be updated to include.
 - On a Greenawalt/Racchini motion to approve provisionally. Sechrist abstained.
- c. 17-31e GEOG 475 Spatial Analysis Techniques, new course
 - 12 outcomes is too many, take some out
 - Take out course names in prerequisite
 - Need a planning and geography description
 - Rewrite catalog description to match catalog style
 - On a Pararai /Engelstad motion to return. Sechrist abstained.
- d. 17-31g Certificate in Military Geographic Competencies, new designation
 - Includes all existing courses and worked with ROTC.
 - 15 credits in the certificate.
 - Catalog paragraph needs to be added.
 - Noted that if you add 1 more 300 level course you would have a minor, one person wondered if one of the 100 levels could be eliminated—Sechrist pointed out that the content is quite different in the two sets of courses.
 - On a Greenawalt/Kleinman motion for provisional approval. Sechrist abstained.
- e. 17-32 NURS, ALHE, GERN, MEDT, NMDT Undergrad, course deletions
- f. 17-47 SCI Undergrad Zombie Courses, course deletions
- g. 17-48 GEOS Undergrad Zombie Courses, course deletions
- h. 17-49 CHEM Undergrad Zombie Courses, course deletions
 - On a Kleinman/Ali motion to delete all above ZOMBIE COURSES.
 - Abstains from Greenawalt and Fair
- i. 17-46a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, program deletion
- j. 17-46b Bachelor of Arts Chemistry/Pre-Medical Track, program deletion
 - On a Mocek/Pararai motion to delete. Fair abstained.
- k. 17-33 Women’s and Gender Studies Minor, program revision, catalog description change
 - Small microedits being made during meeting
 - Catalog description on third line after methodologies take out word “and”
 - Add the title of the Minor above the course list and 18 as in the catalog
 - Delete these 18 credits must include—note that this is not on the old side now—the current statement is “Five Women’s and Gender Studies electives from the following: (1, 2, 3)”
 - COMM 325 is listed twice on right side of column
 - Needs to get the right prefix for WGS not old WMST also course title is wrong
 - All WGS courses go ahead of the XXX courses
 - In FN 1 director has lower case d, FN 4 is incorrect.
 - FN 6—that course has no current prerequisites
 - On a Greenawalt/Pararai motion to return
- l. 17-37 LAS 493 Internship, Latin American Studies, new course
 - Name changed in meeting to simply internship to match other internship classes.
 - Class hours and lab hours should be Var.
 - Question are there hour requirements per credit. Answer: There are specific hours per credit.
 - Edits being made during committee to wording of catalog description...
 - On a Greenawalt/Rachinni motion to approve.
- m. 17-35a RLST 300 Methodologies of Religious Studies, new course
 - Missing assessment; it needs to be added in Section O

- From the 1st sentence of the catalog description delete students to and delete the last line since it is in the prerequisite
- On a Pelosi/Fair motion for provisional approval
- n. 17-35b RLST 373 Advanced Studies in Buddhism, course deletion
 - On a Mocek/Black motion to delete
- o. 17-35c RLST 374 Buddhism, course number change (was 220)
 - Need to change the number in the proposal to a new number (suggest 374 because there have not been enough years since the old 373 course was last offered).
 - On a Racchini/Fair motion for provisional approval
- p. 17-35d RLST 378 Hinduism, new course
 - Change catalog description to “Provides a broad understanding...” Start second sentence “Includes religious texts...”, and begin the last line “Addresses Hindu ... ” end it with “communities.”
 - On a Fair/Engelstad motion for provisional approval
- q. 17-35e RLST 401 Topics in Abrahamic Traditions, new course
 - In the preq put a comma after the word minor.
 - Take out the “Critically” at the beginning of the catalog description
 - Suggestion to bump up the verbiage of the student outcomes for a 400 level course. They need to be higher level and add how they will be assessed.
 - On a Fair/Ali motion to return.
- r. 17-35f RLST 402 Topics in Asian Religions, new course
 - In the preq put a comma after the word minor.
 - One comment was I don’t see distinction between this and the 370’s courses. Appears to not be a distinct enough course. In the end it was decided that the courses will likely be different.
 - Strengthen learning outcomes.
 - On a Cooper/Fair motion to return
- s. 17-35g Bachelor of Arts Religious Studies, program revision
 - On the liberal studies section they need to change the 9cr to 6 credits. BUT also they need to add those 3 credits into free electives thus making them also revise the number of free electives.
 - Number change for Buddhism 373.
 - This proposal cannot move to Senate until all of the new courses are approved.
 - On a Fair/Greenawalt motion for provisional approval.
- t. 17-35i RLST 403 Topics in Indigenous Religions. new course
 - Catalog description have commas inside the quotes.
 - Get rid of “such” just say “topics may include”
 - Comma after the word minor in the prerequisite line.
 - On a Killum/Black motion for provisional approval.

Meeting adjourned 5:05

Respectfully submitted by Steven Kleinman