

EPC - Minutes  
September 05, 2001

Attending: Theresa Barbadoro, Carolyn Boggs, Cory Butler, Darlene Crouch (recorder), Gary DeFotis, Mike Finn, Evelyn Hall, Satoshi Ito, Mitch Mathias, Tom Payne, Constance Pilkington, Jennifer Taylor, and Barbara Watkinson

Joan Gavalier, Chair of EPC, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm in Small 123.

I. Approval of Minutes:

A. April 23, 2001 - approved unanimously

B. August 28, 2001 - approved with one change (second page third line change where to whether)

II. Course Applications:

Joan mentioned that the EPC information on-line still has a few problems, but she is working with Lee and hopes to get it fixed before the next meeting. She found that there are two sites; one is secure, and one is not; in order to secure the site, everyone will need a password. Also the Bulletin Board seems to be having problems. Joan will notify the chairs that the deadline for Spring 2002 course approvals is 1 October.

New Courses:

1. CIV 350, Greek Religion - approved unanimously

2. CIV 495 and 496, Honors - approved unanimously

3. MIL 404, Independent Study in Military Science - approved unanimously

Course Changes:

1. AMST 350/INTR 390, Seeking Our Shadows (change from 3 to 4 credits) - approved unanimously

2. REL 414, Buddhism in the Modern World (change title to Modern Buddhism) - approved unanimously

3. THEA 312, Sound Design for the Theatre (change from THEA 460 a Topics course and given new number) - approved unanimously

III. Issues to revisit:

A. Statistics - during the final A&S faculty meeting last spring, the faculty requested that the EPC consider the proposal that students be limited to two introductory statistics courses (from any discipline) as part of their 120 total credits needed for graduation.

Members discussed the belief that most students would not take more than two statistics courses because of their intensity. Moreover, they agreed that statistics courses are rigorous courses and they are getting harder every year. Dean Watkinson stated that in checking student's records, she found that no student had taken more than two statistics courses.

Gary DeFotis moved that the EPC change next year's catalog to read that only two statistics courses would count toward the 120-hours needed for graduation. Satoshi Ito seconded. Joan called for a vote: (7) YES (2) NO

EPC will come up with the catalog wording.

B. What is the minimum grade for satisfying the Concentration Computing Proficiency Requirement?

Members noted that the new W&M 2002 catalog, page 68, section C. Computing Proficiency, states that "All students must satisfy a Concentration Computing Requirement with a grade of "C-" or better by the end of their fourth semester at the College". This was not approved by EPC and was not in last years catalog.

Members concurred that the language for next year's catalog must be corrected.

It was also noted that this requirement maybe moot in light of the Digital Information Literacy pilot project. Members agreed that there should be consistency across the departments for the computing proficiency requirement, but EPC would wait until the pilot project is completed before trying to create consistency in the concentration computing requirement in relation to a possibly new DIL requirement.

IV. Size of the freshman class - effect on curriculum and funding - preliminary discussions on whether and how we might want to address this issue:

Time ran out so this was tabled until the next meeting.

EPC Meeting Scheduled for Fall 2001:

Wed. Sept. 19th 4:00 pm - Small 123

Wed. Oct. 3rd 4:00 pm - Small 123

Wed. Oct. 17th 4:00 pm - Small 123

Wed. Oct. 31st 4:00 pm - Small 123

Wed. Nov. 14th 4:00 pm - Small 123

Wed. Nov. 28th 4:00 pm - Small 123

Dec. 12th (if needed during finals)

The EPC meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Crouch, Secretary