

EPC - Minutes
September 19, 2001

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

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

I. Approval of Minutes:

A. September 5, 2001 - approved with two changes (II. Course Applications, third line change sights to sites, and add Oct. 17th to list of meetings)

II. Course Applications:

A. New Course:

1. ART 340, Topics in Art - approved unanimously

B. Course Changes:

1. HS 486, Spanish Epic and Nationalism (changed from HS 410, new title, and new catalog description) - approved unanimously

2. HS 487, Imagine Another World: Spanish Art and Society (changed from HS 412, new title, and new catalog description) - approved unanimously

3. REL 357, The Letters of Paul (changed from REL 403) - approved unanimously

4. REL 213, Hinduism (changed from REL 311, and new catalog description) - approved unanimously

5. REL 214, Buddhism (changed from REL 312, and new catalog description) -- approved unanimously

6. REL 416, Modern Religions of East Asia (add to list of "Advanced Courses" under the concentration requirements) - approved unanimously

7. SOC 349, Environmental Sociology (changed title, and new catalog description) - approval pending on department accepting new number for the course - SOC 348 was accepted by Sociology

C. GER Course:

1. ANTH 150W, Freshman Seminar: Personal Narratives and Collective Memory in the Chinese Disapora - approved for GER 4B

Joan mentioned that in the catalog the following departments have blank GER approval for Freshmen Seminars courses:

ANTH 150/150W, Freshman Seminar: for (GER 4B)

ECON 151 and ECON 152, Freshman Seminar: for (GER 3)

PHIL 150W, Freshman Seminar: for (GER 7)

THEA 150/150W, Freshman Seminar: for (GER 5)

THEA 151/151W, Freshman Seminar: for (GER 6)

Joan's statement raised a policy question among members that Freshman Seminars and Topics courses should be approved for GER credit on the basis of the course, and that all courses should

go through EPC for approval. Joan said she would check with the chairs of Anthropology, Economics, Philosophy, and Theatre and see if this would cause a problem. Cory will look into this from the Registrar's standpoint and both will report back to the EPC members at the next meeting.

III. Approval of Statistics wording for next year's catalog: The EPC members approved the following wording for next year's W&M catalog.

"Several departments offer introductory statistics courses: The School of Business Administration (BUS 231), the departments of Economics (ECON 307), Kinesiology (KIN 394), Mathematics (MATH 106, MATH 308, MATH 401-402), Psychology (PSY 301), and Sociology (SOC 401). No more than two of these introductory statistics courses may be counted toward the 120-hour degree requirement."

IV. Size of the Freshman Class:

The EPC members agreed that this was something that should be addressed by the Faculty Assembly or the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Joan requested that members email her their concerns. She will draft a paragraph or two for EPC members to approve, and then send to the Faculty Assembly.

V. Policy Revisions for Consideration over the next couple of meetings:

1. Currently students must petition the Committee of Degrees to be permitted to take a course for which they have received AP or dual enrollment credit. In so doing, the AP/dual enrollment credit is not counted on their record. Proposed new policy: By enrolling in the same course in their first year, students will automatically have the AP/dual enrollment credit they have received for that course not counted on their DARS report.

The EPC members approved this change with the stipulation that after the Add/Drop period this option cannot be reinstated on the student's transcript.

2. Summer school at W&M - students are not permitted to take courses P/F.
Summer study abroad - students are permitted to take courses P/F. Should this be made consistent for all students? Should the P/F option be removed for summer study abroad?
Time ran out; so this question was tabled until the next meeting

Joan asked for feed back from the committee on issues that they felt should be on the agenda.

The EPC meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next scheduled EPC meeting is Oct. 3 at 4:00 pm, Small 123.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Crouch, Secretary