

Educational Policy Committee
Minutes: February 24, 2005

Attending: John Charles, John Eisele, George Grayson, Sharon Jones, Phil Kearns (Chair), Justin Kliger, Arthur Knight, Larry Leemis, Ray McCoy, Ed Pratt

The meeting was called to order at 1pm.

The minutes of the meeting of January 27 were approved as amended.

1. Environmental Studies Curriculum Revision

The committee considered the package of 7 new course applications, 3 course change applications, and the curriculum change application related to this issue. The principal concern was the lab component in the new course applications for ENST 201 and ENST 249. The chair was asked to contact the chairman of ENST to get clarification and perhaps revised language to ensure that 4-credit courses have a lab component.

New course applications related to this issue:

ENST 201: Watershed Dynamics. TABLED
ENST 202 Global Environmental Challenges: Climate Change. APPROVED
ENST 203 Environmental Issues Workshop. APPROVED
ENST 204 GIS in the Environmental Sciences. APPROVED
ENST 205 Marine and Environmental Science. APPROVED
ENST 249 Environmental Challenges: Topics. TABLED
ENST 250 Seminar Topics in Environmental Studies. APPROVED

Course change applications related to this issue:

ENST 101-102 Environmental Science and Policy I and II. APPROVED
ENST 490 Independent Research. APPROVED
ENST 498-499 Internship. APPROVED

Curriculum change application related to this issue: TABLED

2. New minor in Arabic

The committee considered 2 new course applications and a curriculum change application to create a minor in Arabic. The discussion quickly shifted to a discussion of 3-credit advanced courses in MLL which are taught in English. Many such courses have an optional 4-th credit associated with a weekly 1-hour discussion session conducted

in the original language. John Eisele was asked to see if MLL could devise a standard way of describing such classes for the catalog.

There was an extended discussion about teaching advanced language courses in English. The rationale for doing this is that in certain languages, particularly those not taught in high school, it is very difficult to develop sufficient skills to handle the important literature of a culture in the original language. Teaching the course in English allows a broader audience; the optional hour of discussion gives students with the appropriate skills the opportunity for a deeper learning experience.

The application for GRMN 313 also fell into this discussion as it is taught in English with the optional extra hour in German.

New course applications related to this issue:

ARAB 309 Survey of Arabic Literature in Translation. TABLED
ARAB 310 Topics in Modern Arabic Literature in Translation. TABLED
GRMN 313 Constructions of the Self, Society, and the State in
Modern German Critical Thought II: 1850 to the Present.
TABLED

Curriculum change application related to this issue:

ARAB Arabic Minor. TABLED

3. Other course applications:

New course applications:

CHEM 458 Organic Spectroscopy. APPROVED.
CSCI 412 Web Programming. APPROVED

Course change applications:

GOVT 306 Political Parties. APPROVED
RELG 221 Religion and Ethics. APPROVED

4. Delegation of responsibility to ISCAPC

The following resolution was approved:

1. Any change in required courses and the total number of credits required for IR/IS majors and minors must be approved by ISCAPC, then forwarded to EPC for consideration.
2. Any change in the foreign language requirement for IR/IS majors

and minors must be approved by ISCAPC, then forwarded to EPC for consideration.

3. Any change in the general categories of courses (Humanities Courses, Anthropology and Sociology Courses, History Courses, etc.) must be approved by ISCAPC, then forwarded to EPC for consideration.
4. All other curricular changes, such as the addition or deletion of non-required courses, can be approved by individual CFACs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.