

The College of William and Mary
Educational Policy Committee

Minutes
November 5, 2010

Attending: Phil Kearns (chair), Chris Ball, Chris Carone, Michael Lewis, Teresa Longo, Elizabeth Miller, Gul Ozyegin, Cathy Reed, Cory Springer, Jennifer Stevens, Kim Wheatley, Tric Wesp, Gregory Yellen

Guests: Rachel DiNitto, Sibel Sayek

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.
2. Old Business

Proposal for the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Program

Rachel DiNitto and Sibel Sayek explained the origins of the proposal and answered questions from the committee. The committee agrees with the proposal in principle, but finds several inconsistencies between the proposal and the GBST catalog copy (primarily, line menus and the credits required for the major). Will ask submitters to consult with GBST and resubmit.

Foreign Language Proficiency evaluation for languages not taught at W&M

Rachel DiNitto explained that MDLL has an increasingly difficult time evaluating “202-level proficiency” in languages not taught here. There was general agreement that the student should be responsible for demonstrating that proficiency in one of three ways: attending high school in which the language is the primary language, achieving proficiency at another institution, or through the ACTFL test. A revised proposal is forthcoming.

3. New Course Applications

BIOL 115	<i>The Brain, Memory, and Learning</i> Tabled pending more information (syllabus) from submitter.
INTR 350	<i>Emergent Dialogues: The Intersection of Art and Science</i> Approved.

4. Course Change Applications

PHIL 304 Change title.
Approved.

5. Curriculum Change Applications

PHIL
Change in requirements for major and minor.
Approved.

RPSS
Several changes in the requirements for the minor:
RPSS 490 added to lines 5 & 6
HIST 212 (Russian Topics only) added to line 4
RUSN 308 added to line 3
RUSN 350 added to line 3
RUSN 300 added to lines 1 & 2

6. GER Applications

GOVT 392 Race, Rhetoric, and Poetry in American Political Thought
Approved for GER 7.

GOVT 392 Topics in Political Theory: Athenian Democracy
Approved for GER 7.

7. Dean's Items

Proposed changes to rules for revocation of credit earned before matriculation:

The following was suggested as an addition to the original wording of the proposed new catalog copy: "The decision to revoke credits is final."

Change in rules concerning credit by examination:

The committee is considering wording changes to make the "OR" connective more obvious in the proposed new catalog copy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.