

The College of William and Mary
Educational Policy Committee

Minutes
April 14, 2014

Attending: James Armstrong, Joshua Erlich, John Gilmour (Co-Chair), Lu Ann Homza (Ex-Officio), Hiroshi Kitamura, Heather MacDonald, Sallie Marchello (Ex-Officio), Sallie Marchello (Ex-Officio), Jack Martin, Jackson Peterson (Student), Diane Shakes (Chair), Cory Springer (Guest), John Griffin (Dean of Undergraduate Studies – invited guest)

Meeting called to order at 1 pm.

1. New Business

April 8, 2014 Minutes - approved

2. New Course Applications

LING 420 Caribbean Linguistics
Approved by electronic vote

MSCI 404 Microbial Processes in a Changing Coastal Environment
Approved by electronic vote

PHYS 357 Careers in Physics
Approved by electronic vote

3. Curriculum Change Applications

History In parallel with the recent renumbering of courses, history minors will now be required to take 6 elective credits at the 200-400 level (revised from the current requirement for 6 credits at the 300-400 level). Approved by electronic vote.

4. Discussion of COLL courses.

- a) Discussion with John Griffin (Dean of Undergraduate Students) regarding the issue of COLL as a prefix or as an attribute. With the recent move to an electronic catalog, it will be easy to have courses listed both within the department and/program and, in a separate grouping of available COLL courses. COLL does not need to appear on the transcript – in the same way that individual GER designations do not. Deans Griffin and Homza

suggested that some COLL courses might exist outside of departmental boundaries. Jack Martin wondered whether the development of such courses might be accompanied by having continuing NTE faculty teaching COLL courses outside of departments and programs.

- b) Continuing discussion of COLL100 criteria – particularly the criteria for deciding whether a course could be in two domains and whether EPC should suggest the percentage of “looking outwards”.
- c) Initial discussion of COLL200 criteria. Further discussion will be the main focus of the April 21st EPC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM