

Educational Policy Committee Minutes, November 11, 2015

Present: Bill Hutton (chair), Paul Blossom, Chandos Brown, Susan Bosworth, Ryan Corcoran, Martha Higgins, Michele Jackson, Hiroshi Kitamura, Weizhen Mao, Sallie Marchello, Jack Martin, Deborah Morse, Peter Vishton, Diane Shakes, Marc Sher, Jack Zhang

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1. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting.
2. Brief matters. The committee discussed meeting times for next semester; a forthcoming discussion with Teresa Longo on the QEP and high-impact practices; an upcoming brownbag lunch arranged by the Center for the Liberal Arts to discuss whether COLL 150 can be taught in languages other than English; an upcoming issue of whether COLL 100 and 150 could be taught at community colleges during the summer by W&M faculty.
3. Continuation of eLearning/credit hour discussion. The Provost's Academic Credit Hour Policy states that educational policy committees in each school are responsible for monitoring credit hours. EPC is continuing to discuss
 - how best to report courses with eLearning components of different types to SCHEV (as SCHEV requires);
 - how to decide when an online course is, e.g., 3-credits or 4-credits;
 - whether developing a form for courses with online content might be extended to approve "delinked" courses (courses that meet for 3 hours per week, for example, but receive 4 credit hours).Bill Hutton has begun a draft document. Jack Martin will help organize a subcommittee to continue work on that topic. The committee discussed the basic structure a document might have.
4. Psychology Department name change. The Department of Psychology has proposed changing its name to the Department of Psychological Sciences. One argument in favor of the proposal is that the new name would better describe what the majority of the department actually does. (the department does not focus as much on psychotherapy.) Some committee members were skeptical of the change: that it might confuse students; that it sounded redundant or even defensive; that well-regarded universities seem not to be using this name. The matter was tabled so that Psychology might prepare a stronger proposal.
5. Regular business. The following were approved:

- ARTH 377 - ALV domain and crosslist
- FREN 315 ALV domain
- GREK 101/102
- GREK 201/202
- HIST 315 permanent number for topics course.
- Public Policy change in ethics requirement.
- RELG 308 GER 7
- MUSC 363 Irish and American Music GER 4A, 5