

EPC Minutes

Friday 3/18 8:30 - 10:00 am

Present: Bill Hutton, Marc Sher, Weizhen Mao (scribe), Jenny Taylor, Michele Jackson, Sally Marchello, Hiroshi Kitamura, Peter Vishton, Jack Martin, Don Rahtz, Chandos Brown, Jeremy Stoddard, Martha Higgins, Ryan Corcoran, and Jack Zhang.

1. The minutes of 2/19/16 and 2/23/16 were approved.

2. Brief announcements:

a) EPC welcomes new member Don Rahtz;

b) In the fall, Laurie Wolf (Area I) and Elizabeth Harbron (Area III) will join EPC. The third new member from Area II is not known yet;

c) Suggestions for improving Curriculog are solicited and should be forwarded to Cory;

d) Nominations or self-nominations for the next EPC Chair is due by April 5.

3. COLL 150 in foreign language:

The original EPC proposal did not pass in the March faculty meeting. Since the vote was very close, there may be room for compromise from both sides. Jack suggested that any COLL 150 taught in a foreign language include a writing assignment in English with x pages or y words, where x or y can be negotiated between the Writing Committee and the Modern Language Department. Bill agreed to contact Sharon and Maryse/Francie to start the conversation between the two sides.

4. Credit-hour/online policy & form:

We discussed the new delinking document drafted by Bill. With minor wordsmithing suggested by Michele, we approved the document. The next step is to reach out to the E-Learning Committee for its input and feedback on the document.

We also considered Bill's Curriculog form for non-traditional courses. Since there are many unique and uncharacteristic issues related to those courses, especially online course, EPC will continue working with Michele on revising the form.

Our goal is to submit a formal proposal to the May faculty meeting.

5. Minor proposals:

(a) Anthropology minor in Native Study: The proposal was approved provisionally, with the proviso that a requirement for 3-credits in Anthropology be added.

(b) Interdisciplinary Study minor in Asian and Pacific Islander American Study (APIA): The current proposal lists three types of courses: I. APIA courses cross-listed with existing courses, II. APIA courses which are existing courses with new titles, and III. new APIA courses. To clarify the confusion, we would like to see a revised proposal with type II courses listed with existing titles and type III courses submitted to EPC for approval.

6. Strategy for study-away COLL 300s:

Jack designed a “Post-Travel COLL 300 Approval Form” for COLL 300 in which a student takes a course at W&M and then has a separate trip before, during or after the courses. If the travel component in such a course involves a foreign trip, it may need to be pre-approved by ISAC (The International Studies Advisory Committee) and/or the Reves Center. Some EPC members were concerned that the two-step approval procedure may cause too much paperwork. Some suggested that the self-reflecting assignment be used to evaluate the travel experience.