

EPC Minutes for Feb. 8, 2017

Present: Susan Bosworth, John Charles, Chandos Brown, Weizhen Mao, Sally Marchello, Cory Springer, Marc Sher, Bill Hutton, Monica Potkay, Lu Ann Homza, Jenny Taylor, Elizabeth Harbron

I. COLL 400 update

Dean Lu Ann Homza presented an update on the COLL 400 town hall meeting that took place on 2/6 with about 50 A&S faculty members in attendance. The faculty in attendance agreed that “original work” should be defined as flexibly and inclusively as possible and that “diversity of audiences” should mean a variety of audiences. So far, possible means of fulfilling COLL 400 include upper-level seminars; independent study and research projects; Honors projects; and multidisciplinary, team-taught courses. Faculty felt that it would be fine to meet the COLL 400 requirement in a series of 1 or 2 credit experiences (1+1+1 or 2+1), which would adapt well to how senior research is currently structured in many of the science departments. Remaining questions and concerns include prerequisites (what if a senior did not have the prerequisites to get into a COLL 400?) and staffing (interdisciplinary programs and fast-growing departments are struggling in this area). Another concern is whether individual faculty have the expertise to teach interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary courses. Must multidisciplinary COLL 400 courses be team taught by subject matter experts? EPC may want to consider these concerns in the COLL 400 Curriculog form. It was suggested that the Charles Center could be involved in vetting the multidisciplinary, team-taught courses. The next COLL 400 town hall meeting will be on 2/9.

II. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 1

The minutes were approved.

III. Updates about cross-listing and the final week of classes.

Jenny and others are meeting later today to go over some of these issues. Susan asked whether EPC approves cross-listing in general. Undergraduate/graduate cross-listing is an issue that is currently being discussed by COGS and Dean Virginia Torczon. Lu Ann will ask about the status of this issue and let EPC know if there are issues we should consider.

IV. Proposals

The following proposals were approved:

1. ART - ART 416 - Handbuilding II – *COLL 200 designation added to permanent course*
2. ENGL - 465 - Topics in English: Cambridge Writers – *GER 5 designation added to study abroad course*
3. History – undergraduate – *catalog language updated to be more inclusive of different per-collegiate programs that earn college credit*
4. INTR - 300 - Emerging Research in Action – *course number changed to 301; new course with delinked contact hours approved*
5. MUSC - U10 - Ukulele Lessons – *new course approved*
6. THEA - 328 - World Theatre History – *COLL 300 designation added to permanent course*

V. Miscellaneous

Note that EPC will be discussing topics courses sometime in the near future.
EPC may not meet next week.

The meeting was adjourned.