

EPC Minutes for September 15, 2017

Present: Marc Sher (Chair), Tom Linneman (ex officio), Denise Ridley, Tuska Benes (scribe), Chandos Brown, Laurie Wolf, John Donahue, Cory Springer, Sallie Marchello, Janice Zeman, Brian Kreydatus, Alea Al-Aghbari, Jenny Taylor, Elizabeth Harbron, Peter Vishton, Marian Taliaferro, Paul Blossom, Leslie Grant, Randolph Coleman

1. The minutes from Sept. 8 were approved.

2. Consent Calendar- all approved

AFST 320 (C300)

CLCV 327 (C300)

ECON 413 (C400)

ECON 430 (C400)

ECON (prerequisite issue)

ENGL 475 (C400)

JAPN 208 (C200 CSI à ALV)

KINE 369 (cross-list)

3. Other proposals

RELG 391 (C400) – request further clarification on how students will address disparate audiences; chair will circulate revisions to select EPC members, then approve

ECON 472 (C400) - approved

MDLL 300 (new course) –course number can't be 300; request new number for topics course

HIST 212 (C300) – request that syllabus get an addendum listing speakers and how they connect to the course; approval pending chair's receipt of revised syllabus

4. Discussion of foreign language COLL 100s

Concern that foreign language ability is an unstated prerequisite for these courses, which students might miss during registration. EPC concurred that a foreign language indicator would be useful in the course title, not only in the course description.

Draft motion, not brought to table, to be reconsidered after Chair determines whether an English version of the syllabus is needed for SACS evaluation:

“In fall 2017, EPC agreed that COLL 100 courses may be taught in languages other than English with the language noted in the official course description and title. For both COLL 100 and COLL 150, the course syllabus must be available in English, on request, for the purposes of SACS evaluation.”

It was noted that the Registrar can code language training as a prerequisite for these courses without excluding native speakers.

5. Discussion of Minors

A) Academic Advising asked for clarification regarding the overlapping of courses between the College Curriculum and a minor. The catalog only refers to ‘majors:’

College Curriculum Section (General Education)

“Overlap in requirements. A single course may fulfill only one COLL requirement (COLL 100, COLL 150, COLL 200, or COLL 300); a course may fulfill one COLL requirement and a proficiency. A maximum of three courses may be counted toward the COLL requirements and toward the major.”

EPC decided not to restrict how many COLL courses can be applied to a minor.

B) The Judaic Studies minor carries a stipend once students have declared, and there is concern that students prematurely declare the minor for the stipend. Following discussion of whether there should be a minimum credit threshold (39) for declaring a minor, EPC decided that departments and programs can control the timing of minor declarations by withholding approval on the minor declaration form. It was noted that students also declare a minors prematurely to bypass field of study restrictions.

6. Discussion of January Courses in Washington, DC

Consideration of the Washington office’s role in setting up courses that typically run Jan 2 to Jan 9/10, bear 2-3 credits, and involve an intensive DC experience. The DC program arranged for the Committee on Academic Status to give automatic overloads to students participating in a January institute since the credits are built as fall courses. Question was raised whether CAS should review the overloads since the courses do not constitute an encapsulated January experience. Prep meetings begin in November, and January courses have a December add/drop deadline because instruction takes place during the fall term.

Concern expressed that some courses are pedagogically unsuited for a schedule that prohibits out-of-class processing time and activities. Should EPC review the delinking of credits and contact hours in January courses, as it does for summer online courses, or should this fall to chairs and program directors?

Chair will confer with Adam Anthony in considering whether EPC should request January syllabi in the early fall for review.

7. Meeting ended at 11:55.