

EPC – Minutes

March 19, 2001

Attending: Cory Butler, Jim Deffenbaugh, Gary DeFotis, Satoshi Ito, Richard Palmer, Tom Payne, and Darlene Crouch, permanent secretary for the committee.

Special Guests: Robert Archibald (PUBP/ECON), Susan Bosworth (ASSESSMENT), Harvey Langholtz (PSY), David Lutzer (MATH), and George Rublein (MATH).

Dean Barbara Watkinson, Chair of EPC, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm in the University Center, Colony Room.

I. Minutes from March 2, 2001 were approved. One change was made in A. Geology Concentration changes to read "Chemistry 103, 206 or 308" instead of Chemistry 307.

Dean Watkinson announced that the GER 6 assessment should be to the EPC by the end of this year, and next year GER 4 assessment will be finished. At that time all the GER Assessment changes will be brought to the faculty for approval.

II. GER 1 Working Group Report

David Lutzer, chair of the working group stated that GER 1 was working well and they were pleased with the report. They found one problem with 9c) it seems that PSY 301 is being awarded GER 1 credit without the follow-up course PSY 302. Some sections of PSY 301-302 are taught in an integrated way, with the material from the two courses intertwined. In these sections of PSY 301, students are told at the outset that they will not receive GER 1 credit until they successfully complete both PSY 301-302. Cory Butler from the Registrar's Office said that she thinks that GER 1 credit is being awarded to student that complete PSY 301 only. (C. Butler has confirmed that this is the case. baw)

Members of the working group suggested that the criteria be changed from the faculty-approved language:

*a) To what extent did the given course involve numerical calculations?

*b) To what extent did the given course involve mathematical justifications that explain why the approaches and calculations used in the course actually work?

*c) To what extent did the given course involve applications to real-world settings or to disciplines other than mathematics?

The current objectives and criteria for GER 1 may be found at:
<http://www.wm.edu/FAS/EPC/GER1Form.html>. Dean Watkinson thanked the members of the GER 1 Working group for their report.

Gary DeFotis moved that the EPC accepted the report and Richard Palmer seconded. Approved unanimously.

- I. Discussion of 4 credits
 - A. AMST 350/INTL 390: Seeking our Shadows, Casting light on Screens. After more discussion from EPC members it was decided that both AMST 350 and INTL 390 would stay with 3-credits.
 - B. AMST 201: American Popular Culture and Modern America. EPC received more documentation from Kimberly Phillips concerning the contact hours between professor and student to justify the 4-credits for AMST 201. Dean Watkinson called for another vote: 4 - YES 1 - NO
- II. Old Business

Dean Watkinson announced that the A&S faculty at the March 13th meeting passed the new policy for Internships.

The EPC members will be receiving by email the proposal for the Computing Proficiency changes that will be presented at the next faculty meeting on April 3rd. Dean Watkinson requested that all member attend the meeting to support the proposal.

- III. New Business

The EPC will be receiving the recommendations for the statistics requirements this spring.

The next EPC meeting will be on Monday, April 9, at 4:15 pm in University Center, Colony Room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Crouch, Secretary