

EPC – Minutes

November 14, 2001

Attending: Ruth Beck, Cory Butler, Darlene Crouch (recorder), Evelyn Hall, Satoshi Ito, Tom Payne, Jennifer Taylor, and Barbara Watkinson

Joan Gavalier, Chair of EPC, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm in Small 123.

I. Approval of Minutes:

A. October 31, 2001 – Approved with one correction:

1. Spelling in Motion changed: uses to “used”

II. Course Applications:

A. New Course:

1. INTR 461, Seminar in Global Environmental and Social Issues – Approved

B. Revised Courses:

1. GER 202, Intermediate German II – reduced to 3 credits - Approved
2. HS 201, Intermediate Level Spanish I – reduced to 3 credits – Approved
3. ITAL 201, Intermediate Italian I – reduced to 3 credits – Approved
4. ITAL 202, Intermediate Italian II – reduced to 3 credits – Approved
5. CIV 490, Special Topics in Classical Civilization – change from 3 credits to variable 1-4 credits – Approved for 1-3 variable credits
6. GK 490, Topics in Greek – change from 3 credits to variable 1-4 credits – Approved for 1-3 variable credits
7. LAT 490, Topics in Latin – change from 3 credits to variable 1-4 credits – Approved for 1-3 variable credits

C. Curriculum Change:

1. History – renumbering - Approved, but must consult with the

Registrar’s

Office to avoid confusion on the DAR report

D. GER Applications:

1. CIV 205, Classical Myth – GER 5 – Deferred until Joan receives more information
2. GOVT 339, Middle Eastern Political Systems – GER 4B – Deferred until Joan receives more information

III. Interdisciplinary Studies/Biology Department - update

Dean Watkinson reported that the student's petition was in the hands of CHIS (Committee on Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies) for approval or disapproval. Dean Watkinson mentioned that the issue will probably come back to EPC to revisit and make policy guidelines.

Dean Watkinson brought copies of the editorial that was in the *Flat Hat* on November 11, 2001, "Consistency Needed for Computing Education". The EPC members agreed that she should respond to the editorial in light of the DIL (Digital Information Literacy) pilot project. Of the 200 random students that were given the modules in Fall 2001, only 7 students completed all modules. It has been suggested that in the Spring 2002 that we offer students exemption of the Computing Proficiency requirement, if they successfully complete and pass the DIL project. It was also suggested that a meeting to explain the importance of the project to the students should be scheduled by the DIL members.

IV. Three related catalog issues:

A. Interdisciplinary Studies and double concentrators (course overlap limits)

It was suggested that Sharon Reed provide to EPC the rule "if it can count, it must count" and also present the issues that have been causing the conflict between Public Policy, Government, and Economics double concentrations.

B. 48-hour rule:

In determining the 48-hour rule, some departments are grouped together as a single subject field and some are not. Are these inconsistencies a problem that must be addressed by EPC?

C. Consistency in how departments count required courses for a concentration

which are outside the concentration discipline

There are so many conflicting policies out there, and EPC should look at these issues in order to have the catalog in line with what is being followed by departments and Academic

Advising. Some of this variability may be unavoidable, but we can try to create more consistency and clarity where possible. Time ran out, but these issues will be brought up a later date.

V. Spring semester meeting times – either Monday or Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 pm

The majority of EPC members decided to schedule next semester's meetings on Wednesdays from 1:00–2:30 pm. Darlene will try to reserve a room in the University Center.

The EPC meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next scheduled EPC meeting is Nov. 28 at 4:00 pm, Small 123.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Crouch, Secretary