

EPC – Minutes
December 4, 2003

Jenny Taylor, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in the University Center, York Room.

Attending: Carolyn Boggs, Mike Finn Amy Firestone, Cindy Hahamovitch, Evelyn Hall, Laura McManus, Larry Leemis, Phil Kearns, Arthur Knight, Edward Pratt, Jenny Taylor, Debra Eck

I. Approval of Minutes:

- A. November 6, 2003 – Approved
- B. November 13, 2003 -- Approved

II. Curriculum Changes

- A. Chinese Major: --- Rejected (see below)
- B. History: changes in Advanced Placement Requirements—Approved
- C. History: changes in Minor Requirements—Approved
- D. Religion: update of courses fulfilling Major Writing Requirement—Approved

GER Applications

- A. Marine Science Freshman Seminar with GER 4A applying for GER 7 (Revolution in Science and Civilization). –Special Circumstances (see below)

Course Changes

- A. Russian Literature Class—Approved

Chinese Major Discussion

The committee discussed the proposed Chinese program major further and ultimately voted on a motion to reject the proposal. Some members were concerned about the numbers of students in the program now and whether the proposed major would produce enough majors in the future to satisfy SCHEV. Another concern was whether the major as proposed required students to take enough upper-level courses in the target language. The committee decided that this program needs time to grow and prove itself capable of meeting SCHEV guidelines before approval can be granted. The committee encouraged the Chinese section to have students major in Chinese through the Interdisciplinary Studies program for two to three years before returning to the EPC with a new proposal.

Marine Science Freshman Seminar with GER 4A applying for GER 7

When EPC granted GER 4A credit to Interdisciplinary Studies 150W, 'Revolution in Science and Civilization,' the course already had GER 7 credit attached to it in Banner, a mistake nobody caught until it was too late. Since the mistake was banner-related and not the students' fault, the EPC voted to allow students to choose either GER 7 or Ger 4A for this semester only.

Students were told to notify the registrar at once of their choice. EPC denied the request to make Interdisciplinary Studies 150W 'Revolution in Science and Civilization' a GER 7.

Freshman Seminar Discussion

The Freshman Seminar requirement should be listed in the catalog as a requirement for all freshmen to take during their first year. Carolyn Boggs suggested that additional seating would make this easier to enforce, but budgetary considerations might make additional seating difficult.

Tabled until next meeting subcommittees GER's 4, 6,7, Concentration of Writing Requirements

Adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully yours,

Debra Eck
Recorder