

EPC Minutes
February 6, 2004

Attendance: E. Hall, D. Morse, P. Kearns, E. Pratt, M. Finn, A. Knight, C. Boggs, J. Gibney, L. Leemis, A. Firestone, L. McManus, C. Butler, J. Charles, J. Taylor
D. Eck(recorder)
Meeting Called to Order at 2:03pm

I Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 4, 2003 to be corrected to read: EPC denied the request to make Interdisciplinary Studies 150W 'Revolution in Science and Civilization' a GER 7.

New Course

Math 131... for Life Sciences---Approved

II. Course Change

Hispanic Studies 386—On-Site Research in Spain—Variable Credit --Approved
Math 113...Calculus II for Life Sciences--Description Change--Approved
SOCL 440...Special Topics in Sociology--Description Change--Approved
SOCL 490... Independent Research--Description--Approved

Curriculum Change

Neuroscience—Description of Changes--Approved

GERs

Modern Languages and Literature HS 280/281---GER 4c & 5---Tabled
Music 367---GER4B---Approved
Modern Languages and Literatures FREN314—GER 5---Approved
Modern Languages HS 384---GER 5---Approved
American Studies AMST 350---GER5---Approved
HS 384: Landscapes of Spain: Real Places, Imagined Spaces is tabled to next meeting.

EPC discussed allowing the Modern Languages and Literature HS 280/281 to satisfy 2 GER requirements (4c and 5). EPC would like more information about the courses because they have changing content from year to year. These courses are being tabled until we have more information on them.

Music 367 GER, Cory Butler recommends a new course number be assigned to this Topics Course. The course has been taught for 3 semesters and EPC will approve the GER credit when the new number is on the books. A motion was made to have a new course number assigned to this course; attached to this new course number is the GER 4.

AMST 350/LCST 351 was approved but will need to reapply next year.

III. New Business

- a. **Discuss strategies for discouraging students from signing up for 18 credits during registration when they only intend to take 15. Other students are then blocked from registering for classes that are in fact not full when they appear to be.** Carolyn Boggs will look into the banner

system to limit the number of classes students can enroll during pre-registration.

- b. GER 2 Discussion: Tabled to have a special meeting for GER 2 only.

Motion regarding GER 6 Assessment

The EPC accepts the conclusions of the GER 6 Assessment Working Group. GER 6 courses are effectively meeting the overall goals of this requirement. We recommend no changes to the wording of the criteria. The EPC will address general and specific shortcomings in its final report to the faculty on the GER assessments.

Motion regarding GER 7 Assessment

The EPC accepts the conclusions of the GER 7 Assessment Working Group. (GER 7 courses are effectively meeting the overall goals of this requirement. We recommend no changes to the wording of the criteria. The EPC will address general and specific shortcomings in its final report to the faculty on the GER assessments.

GER 6&7 are approved to go before the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Special Presentation

Tolly Taylor from English and Tamara Sonn from Religion along with Karen Cottrell from the Admissions Office addressed EPC about their proposal:

"The first two entering classes of College Scholars (4 students each year) will be waived GER requirements. The College Scholar advisors will be expected to insure that each student takes a diversity of courses across the 3 traditional subject areas of humanities, social science, and natural science."

Karen stressed that it is not the money that will attract these students but the program which will give the students more time to explore their field of study and to study abroad. Ms Cottrell also stated that this will be a good marketing tool for guidance counselors throughout the state and out-of-state students.

EPC committee listened to the proposal and a motion was made to accept the waiver of GER requirements for the students in the College Scholars program. A friendly amendment stated that EPC will take another look at the College Scholars program students in 2 years. This motion approved.

The approved proposal now includes: EPC will access academic course after the 2nd year.

Adjourned at 3pm

Respectfully yours,

Debra Eck