

Meeting at the University Center in the Colony Room

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Taylor at 2 pm

Present: A. Knight, D. Morse, C. Hahamovitch, E. Pratt, L. Leemis, P. Kearns, M. Finn, J. Gibney, L. McManus, A. Firestone, J. Charles, C. Butler, C. Boggs, A. Firestone, E. Hall, and D. Eck (recorder)

- I. Minutes Approval
 - December 4, 2003--approved with corrections
 - January 23, 2004-- approved
 - February 6, 2004-- approved
 - February 13, 2004, GER 2 criteria revisions were approved

- II. Curriculum and Course Changes

- New Courses**

- ENGL 210 Topics in Literature---Tabled
 - FREN 361 Culture in Context 1: Art and Ideas—Approved
 - FREN 362 Culture in Context 2: The Republic—Approved
 - FREN 363 Culture in Context 3: Social Trends—Approved
 - JAPN 311 Japanese Cinema—Approved
 - LCST 302 Theories of Visual Culture--Approved

- Course Change Applications**

- CHI 200 Chinese Studies in Beijing Program I—New Course Title—Chinese Studies in China I and Description of change—Tabled
 - CHI 300 Chinese Studies in Beijing Program II—New Course Title—Chinese Studies in China II and Description of change--Tabled
 - CSCI 303 Algorithms---Description of change--Approved
 - JAPN 301 Advanced Japanese I—New Catalog Description and Description of Change---Approved
 - JAPN 302 Advanced Japanese II—New Catalog Description and Description of change—Approved
 - LCST 301 Theoretical Approaches to Literary and Culture Studies—New Title—History and Theory of Cultural Studies and Description of changes-Approved

- GERs**

- HS 280/281 Introduction to Hispanic Studies—GER 5 approved, GER 4C denied
 - JAPN 311 Japanese Cinema—GER 5—Approved
 - HISP 384 Landscape of Spain—GER 5--Approved
 - HISP 280/281--GER 5 approved, GER 4C denied. EPC will need additional syllabi and material before deciding if the course meets the GER 4C criteria.

- III. New Business

- 1. Website changes: GER applications to have the submitter provide more detailed information on how they are meeting the GER criteria. EPC

discussed the idea of forming a sub-committee to review the GER applications for its GER criteria. The GER committee will bring to the EPC meeting their recommendation for further discussion.

2. The EPC approved a motion to limit the number of hours for which students can pre-register to 16. The motion derived from a concern that students are unable to register for classes because upperclassmen often pre-register for 18 hours and subsequently drop one or two classes at the end of Add/Drop. Ed Pratt will work out the details of this policy with the Office of the Registrar, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Education.
3. The EPC approved a motion to change Catalog wording concerning when students must declare a major. Under the previous system, some freshmen and first semester sophomores were required to declare a major, because they had entered the College with a significant number of AP, IB, and dual enrollment credits. Also, entering transfer students with 54 credits were forced to declare a major upon matriculation. The old and new language follows:

Old Language

Upon completing 39 credits students are eligible to declare a major. {In the Schools of Business and Education, declaration of major is not equivalent to admission to the program; check the catalog sections on these programs for information about admission criteria.) Declaration of a major shall occur before the end of the sophomore year, defined as when a student has earned 54 credits.

New Language

Students may declare a major after completion of 39 credits. Declaration of a major is required of students with 54 credits. Students who matriculated with AP, IB or dual enrollment credits, however, may wait, if they wish, until they have earned 39 credits since high school graduation. Transfer students entering with 54 or more credits may delay major declaration until the end of their first semester at the College. Students planning majors in the Schools of Business or Education must apply and be admitted. Check the Business and Education sections of the catalog for prerequisites and admissions criteria.

Adjourned at 3:04 PM

Respectfully yours

Debra Eck, Recorder