

The College of William and Mary
Educational Policy Committee
Minutes of the meeting on September 16, 2005

Attending: Brad Weiss, Cory Butler, John Charles, Kim Wheatley, John Eisele, Sue Peterson, Pat Van Zandt, Ryan Ford, Kristi James, Jennifer Hoover, Deborah Morse, Ray McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

1. Chair's announcements:

a. Topics for the year:

1. Consider and approve new courses, course changes, department curricular changes, and GER courses.
2. Review of GER courses:
 - a. GER5, GER7, and freshman seminars will be reviewed this year.
 - b. EPC should have a member on each working group.
3. Review of the Washington Program Curriculum.
4. Review 3 versus 4 credit courses.
5. Review the new course application form.

2. New Course Applications:

- a. AMST 350 – Harlem on the Seine: African American Writers in Paris
Approved online
- b. BIOL 213 – Principles of Biology Laboratory for 203. Approved online
- c. BIOL 214 – Principles of Biology Laboratory for 204. Approved online
- c. APSC 327. Introduction to Laser Biomedicine.
Discussed the prerequisites of 'Junior Standing'. Clarification of this prerequisite will be obtained and reported back to the committee.
- d. ARTH 330. Topics in Art History.
Variable credit was questioned. Clarification of the variable credit will be obtained.
- e. NSCI 300. Writing in Neuroscience.
Not approved. A list of courses to satisfy the writing requirement will be used instead of this course.
- f. PSYC 317. Sensation and Perception.
Approved.

5. Course Change Applications

- a. ANTH 204 – The Study of Language.
New course number (old # 220). Approved online
- b. ANTH 426 – Foodways and the Archaeological Record.
New course description. Approved online
- c. ANTH 350 – Special Topics in Anthropology.
Variable credit at 3-4. Approved

- d. PSYC 417 - Research in Sensation and Perception.
Course title change. Approved.
- e. WRIT 300 - Contemporary Theory and College Writing.
New course description. Approved.

6. Curriculum Change Applications

- a. Neuroscience. Change in required courses. NSCI 300 course not approved.
Other changes approved. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. GER Applications

- a. BIOL 214 - Principles of Biology lab for 204. GER2 Lab
Approved.
- b. ENGL 210 – Romancing King Arthur: Medieval to Modern. GER5
Approved.
- c. AMST 350 - Harlem on the Seine. GER5
Approved.

8. New Business

- a. Brad Weiss inquired about the Anthropology Department decreasing the number of GER courses that are taught. The Anthropology department will submit requests to eliminate the GER designation on some of their courses.
- b. Kristi James informed the committee about 'Major Week' for freshman and sophomores to talk with upperclassman about majors and courses.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th 2005 at 3:30 in the Colony Room of the UC.