

The College of William and Mary
Educational Policy Committee

Minutes
November 29, 2007

Attendance: J. C. Poutsma (Chair), Hannah Ayers, Gail Bossenga, Chris Carone, Steve Holliday, Gul Ozyegin, Kim Phillips, Christopher Silveira, Cory Springer, Shannon Turnage, Kim Wheatley. Guest: Carl Strikwerda

1. Meeting called to order 3:35 pm

2. Carl Strikwerda thanked all the members of EPC for their hard work on this committee. He announced that program reviews occur on a seven year cycle. CLST, RLST and PHIL were reviewed last year. MDLL and GBST will be reviewed this year.

APSC, PHYS, CSCI and MATH will be next year. As an outcome from the SACS Accreditation process, we are emphasizing independent research opportunities for our undergraduates, where they will be mentored by a W&M faculty member. We will be tracking this type of experience in some way.

Gul asked about future reductions in student credit load. Carl responded that that will be monitored, but the hope is to include this research experience into their major/curriculum.

Kim Wheatley asked about the final exam period. Has pedagogy evolved such that there is less importance on a final exam. Why is this exam period so rigid. Carl responded that the expectation is that there will be an exam, or culminating experience. It doesn't have to carry that much weight, but it will still count. She also asked about FRSEM courses carrying a GER. What's the "ruling" on this.

3. 11/08/07 Minutes Approved with minor changes

4. New Course Application

PHIL 263 - Approved

PHIL 415- Approved on-line

5. Course Change Application

PHIL 324 – Delete Course – Approved on-line

PHIL 405 – Delete Course - Approved

PHIL 341 – Delete Course - Approved

PHIL 342 - Delete Course – Approved on-line

PHIL 410 - Delete Course – Approved on-line

PHIL 220 – Change to 320 – Approved on-line

PHIL 331 – Change to 231 – Approved on-line

PHIL 332 - Change to 232 – Approved on-line

PHIL 336 - Change to 262 and name changed – Approved on-line

PHIL 352 - Change to 252 – Approved on-line

PHIL 353 - Change to 253 – Approved on-line (duplicate removed)

PHIL 360 – Change to 460 – Approved on-line

PHIL 401 - Change to 350 – Approved on-line

PHIL 406 - Change to 335 – Approved on-line
PHIL 413 - Change to 345 – Approved on-line
PHIL 313 – Name Change – Approved
PHIL 403 – Name Change -Approved

6. Old Business

Catalog Issues – Kim and Sallie will bring those to the committee later

On-line form issues will be discussed later

Domestic Study Away update given to the committee – Gul asked for an email about this streamlining so that faculty will be up-to-date. Will work with Kim P. to get something out.

7. Next meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 5:00, Green Leaf Cafe.

8. Meeting adjourned – 4:15 pm