

The College of William and Mary  
Educational Policy Committee

Minutes  
December 10, 2009

Attending: Phil Kearns (chair), Michael Daise, Jacob Lassin, Ray McCoy, Cathy Reed, Eileen Setian, Carol Sheriff, Silvia Tandeciarz, Shannon Turnage, Tric Wesp

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.
2. Minutes of October 22, 2009 and the on-line results associated with the November 12, 2009 meeting (cancelled by College's closing) approved.
3. New Course Applications
  - FREN 290 *Themes and Issues in the French/Francophone World*  
Approved.
4. Course Change Applications
  - FREN 210 New title.  
Approved after chair resolved incomplete title.
  - ITAL 201 Elimination of drill and reduction of credits.  
Approved.
  - ITAL 202 Elimination of drill and reduction of credits.  
Approved.
  - KINE 455 Allowed to fulfill major writing requirement.  
Approved.
5. Curriculum Change Applications
  - MATH  
Change in rules for enrollment in MATH 104.  
Approved.
6. GER Applications
  - AMST 350 *Introduction to Asian Pacific American Studies*  
Approved for GER 4C.
  - ANTH 350 *Africa: Politics, History, Culture*  
Approved for GER 4B after chair verified the B.
  - ARTH 330 *Buddhist Art of India, Nepal, and Tibet*  
Approved for GER 4B.
  - GOVT 312 *Politics of Developing Countries*  
Approved for GER 4B.
  - RELG 342 *Comedy, Tragedy, and Religion*  
Approved for GER 5.
  - RELG 360 *Gods and Goddesses of India*  
Approved for GER 4B.
  - RELG 367 *Tibetan Religion*  
Approved for GER 4B.

## 7. Old Business

### Latin Placement:

The proposal from Classical Studies to allow students to revoke Latin placement based on AP credits, standardized test scores, etc., when the department's placement test indicates a lower placement. The committee decided that this is problematic if the student does not continue in Latin and that it is inconsistent with the practice in MLL. Students should be asked to audit Latin courses at the appropriate level to resolve deficiencies. The chair and the Dean of Educational Policy will compose a reply to Classical Studies for the committee's approval.

### Undergraduates Taking Graduate Courses for Credit:

The question of why undergraduates require dean's permission to take a graduate course for credit was answered by Dean Peterson:

"The instructor doesn't always have full information about the student, and EPC previously put restrictions on the ability of undergrads to take graduate courses. To enroll in a graduate course for undergraduate credit, the student must have a 2.5 overall and a 3.0 in the subject field of the course. For an undergraduate to enroll in a graduate course for graduate credit, the student must be a senior and have a 3.0 overall and they must not have previously taken 6 or more graduate credits, since that is the limit set by EPC. When a form arrives in our office, we check the GPA and the number of grad credits taken. If the student meets the minimum criteria, the form is automatically approved. The form also requires signatures from the appropriate deans--if the student is seeking to take Business or Education courses, for instance."

## 8. Dean's Topics

### January Semester

Dean Tandeciarz requested EPC feedback on a three-week short term, similar to a summer school short term. The only substantive concerns were that faculty not be required, or even expected, to participate, and that there be sufficient contact hours to justify the academic credit associated with courses in a short term.

### Approval of W&M Courses With a Study Abroad Component

When a course with a study abroad component is proposed to EPC, there is a need for coordination with the Study Abroad Committee. In the future, when such a course is proposed, EPC will expect that it be endorsed first by SAC. Proposals for interdisciplinary courses should be endorsed by the Committee on Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies.

9. The chair thanked Dean Tandeciarz for her careful and helpful guidance of EPC business during Fall 2009.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.