

Educational Policy Committee Minutes, October 10, 2014

Present: Jack Martin (co-chair), John Gilmour (co-chair), Josh Erlich, Hiroshi Kitamura, Heather Macdonald, Josh Erlich, Bill Hutton, Kim Wheatley, Dean Lu Ann Homza, Dean Monica Potkay, Bill Stewart, Cory Springer, and April Pisano, joined later by Ryan Corcoran.

Scribe: Kim Wheatley

1. The minutes for the EPC meeting held on October 2, 2014 were approved unanimously.
2. Discussion of the EPC presentation at the FAS meeting held on October 7, 2014:

At the FAS meeting, EPC presented the draft guidelines for COLL 300 and COLL 400 courses. Assuming that the COLL 300 guidelines are consistent with the curriculum language approved by FAS in December, 2013, with three exceptions, we had offered the following three motions:

- a) (COLL 300) Motion to make all COLL 300 experiences parallel by allowing approved W&M D.C. Program courses and W&M Colloquia to cover cross-cultural topics, global topics, or both.
- b) (COLL 300) Motion to remove the requirement that W&M Colloquia highlight one of the domains.
- c) (COLL 300) Motion to allow the COLL 300 requirement to be satisfied by a single course of 3 credits or a sequence of courses of 3 credits.

These motions were postponed after FAS discussion began to address the question of whether the December 2013 language approved by the faculty should be amended directly, instead of merely voting on motions reflecting changes in policy that have arisen in the process of revising the original language and replacing it with guidelines. Our assumption has been that all of the COLL guidelines will be voted on by the faculty at the end of the year; meanwhile, we are presenting motions to approve minor policy changes along the way. This needs to be communicated more widely (and repetitively) to faculty.

By contrast, at the September 2, 2014 FAS meeting, this process had been assumed, and EPC motions had been approved by FAS with slight modifications.

(Reminder: At the September 2, 2014 FAS meeting, FAS approved these motions:

**(COLL 150) Requiring that a student obtain a grade of at least C- to obtain COLL 150 credit for a COLL 150 course.

**(COLL 150) “Be taught by a TE or continuing NTE faculty member. Whether TE or NTE, the faculty member will have least one semester of teaching experience at the College of William & Mary”

**(COLL 200) “At least 10% of a COLL 200 course should consider the other domain(s).”

[Note: the Fellows’ FAQ handout should reflect this slight modification.]

**(COLL 100) “They will typically meet for only three hours per week, but can also meet for four hours. If meeting for three hours, no additional justification for the delinking of credit hours and contact hours will be required.”)

Discussion at the October FAS meeting may have veered from the specific motions to more general questions because some faculty were learning about the changes to COLL 300 for the first time. When this matter is brought back to FAS, we will remind faculty of the overall process (going all the way back to the CRSC) and point out that EPC has noticed some inconsistencies in the 2013 language which we are now trying to iron out.

At the October FAS meeting, discussion then moved from COLL 300 on to the issue of the COLL 100 topics course, an issue that needs to be separated from the question of whether departments and programs should be using their own prefixes instead of COLL. The EPC co-chairs did not have time to raise the question of a name for COLL 100 (Critical Questions in...; Big Ideas course, etc). These matters were also postponed until a later meeting.

2. Communication:

We discussed holding an EPC Conversation with faculty, scheduled for October 20, 2014, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., primarily to discuss COLL 100, though the discussion may range more broadly. The co-chairs may prepare a powerpoint chronicling the approval process, circulating it to EPC ahead of time for comment.

We also need to stress to faculty that EPC welcomes written comments about the proposed COLL guidelines. We may have to schedule a special FAS meeting at some point.

3. Discussion of regular EPC applications:

New course applications:

MATH 410 (Graph Theory and its Applications): is this a topics course, in which case it does not need approval by EPC. If a new course, it will need a different number (411 is suggested). Approved pending this clarification.

Course change applications:

Cross-listing of AMST 350 (The Social Determinants of Health: Living and Dying in the USA) with KINE 403: This should have been a new course proposal for KINE 403.

MUSC 201 and 202 (Tonal Theory I and II) – changes in number of credits approved.

THEA 332: Sex & Race in Plays & Films. Increase in credit hours from 3 to 4 and new cross-listing with AFST 332, GSWS 332, and AMES 332. AMES 332 does not exist, so this would have to be a new course in AMES. Not yet approved. Needs to be clarified with Eric Han of AMES and Kevin Vose of Global Studies.

Curriculum change applications:

FMST minor: approved after clarifying discussion.

GER applications:

ENG 210 Constructions of Crime (GER 5)-- approved

ENG 465 Modern Central European Literature: Prague and Beyond (GER 5)-- approved

Theatre, Speech and Dance -- Movement as Communication (GER 6)-- approved

4. Discussion of COLL 200:

We clarified that we discourage courses anchored in two domains to reach out to a third domain. COLL 200 courses anchored in one domain can reach out to two others, however.

5. Discussion of COLL 200 applications and workflow:

GEOL 303 Age of Dinosaurs.

AFST 332 Sex & Race in Plays & Films

MATH 410 Graph Theory and its Applications

ENG 210 Constructions of Crime

GOVT 310 Game Theory and Politics

Some of us had voted on these five and made comments via SurveyMonkey, but we decided we need a better process and it would be better if everyone gets to read the raw forms (and syllabi) and gets to discuss them. We may need an extra EPC meeting!

New target dates for COLL 200 applications for 2015-16 are October 31, 2014 and December 5, 2014.

Right now, the only COLL proposal form that can be accessed by the faculty is COLL 200. We will wait for the COLL 100/150 prefix issue to be resolved before issuing the 100 and 150 forms.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.