

Educational Policy Committee Minutes, October 24, 2014

Present: John Gilmour and Jack Martin (co-chairs), Sallie Marchello, Cory Springer, Monica Potkay, Lu Ann Homza, John Griffin, Bill Hutton, Martha Higgins, Hiroshi Kitamura, Josh Erlich, Ryan Corcoran, Heather Macdonald, Weizhen Mao

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1. The minutes of October 16, 2014, meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Regular EPC business:

The committee formalized by unanimous vote the approval of the following course and curriculum proposals that had already been voted on on-line:

- A proposal to split Economics of Development into two courses (ECON 481 and 483) focusing on microeconomics and macroeconomics respectively (slight cosmetic changes were made to the course description)
- New catalogue copy for the BS degree in Psychology allowing KINE 303 and 304 to count toward the degree.
- A proposal from the Physics department to change the rules for how credit in Physics would be granted for AP exams, due to changes in the material covered by the Physics exams.
- A proposal to grant GER 6 credit for THEA 460-02

3. Format and content for EPC motions on the new curriculum to be presented to FAC for inclusion on the agenda of the 11/4/14 FAS meeting.

We agreed that proposed EPC amendments to the curriculum language would be presented as addenda to the section on COLL 100. Here is the approved text of those addenda (the committee had already approved the first item the 10/2 meeting and was not discussed further at this meeting)

Addenda:

- For two years (AY 2015-17), EPC will allow COLL 100's to be as large as 75 students if they have discussion sections of no more than 25 students, or to be as large as 40 students with no discussion sections. This would allow a pilot study of the effect of class size on learning objectives.
- All COLL 100's should use the number 100. They may use any prefix (HIST, ENSP, COLL, etc.). All COLL 100's will have the COLL 100 attribute
- Departments and programs are encouraged to establish topics courses for COLL 100.
- All courses that are to count for the COLL 100 requirement will be approved by a COLL 100 committee, which will consider both whether they fulfill the "big idea" component of the requirement and whether they fulfill the non-written communications component. Until such a committee is approved, EPC will approve all COLL 100's

An alternative to the second item, whereby all COLL 100's would be called COLL 100, with programs and departments free to cross-list courses under their own prefix as they saw fit, was discussed and rejected by the committee by majority vote. The other items were adopted by unanimous vote.

4. COLL 200 proposals

The following COLL 200 proposals were approved unanimously

- ENGL 210 Constructions of Crime (ALV looking out to CSI)
- GEOL 202 Age of Dinosaurs (NQR looking out to ALV)
- GOVT 310 Game Theory and Politics (CSI looking out to NQR and ALV)

A proposal for THEA/AFST/AMES/GSWWS 332, Sex & Race in Plays & Films: Dramatizing Diversity, was approved unanimously with the proviso that it be ALV looking out to CSI (the original proposal had it anchored in both ALV and CSI).