

## **Educational Policy Committee Minutes, April 3, 2015**

Present: Jack Martin (co-chair), Lu Ann Homza, James Armstrong, Josh Erlich, Bill Hutton, Heather Macdonald, Weizhen Mao, April Pisano, Cory Springer.

Scribe: Josh Erlich

### **1. Approval of minutes of March 16, 2015 meeting.** Approved unanimously.

#### **2. A) Update on Where we Are**

Jack has been contacting faculty and department contacts about COLL courses promised to the Deans but still without proposals.

John Griffin may reserve remaining seats in COLL 200s for Freshmen, but he should check with departments and instructors first. Similarly, COLL 100 seats should only be opened to upperclass students if the instructor/departments approve.

We expect Biology to offer a large number of COLL 200 seats, but they have not yet submitted their proposals. With Biology we are in good shape.

Weizhen Mao (representing COLL 100 Committee): COLL 100 applications briefly surged. Roughly 30 proposals have already been approved, with around 10 in the pipeline.

#### **B) Notes on Registration for Fall 2016**

Some departments are reporting difficulties with the Course Catalog matching the supposed Course Schedule, prerequisites.

Discussion of who has the authority to change prerequisites. Cory Springer reports that she has assumed EPC is the gatekeeper of course changes, including change of prerequisites. Jack Martin reports anecdotally that changes have bypassed EPC in the past, but the policy on this should be clear to faculty, EPC and the Registrar's Office.

### **3. a) COLL 200 proposals approved:**

RELG 346 (Blazer) - Religion, the State, and American Politics - (CSI > ALV). Approved

SOCL 434 (Sohoni) "Race and Crime" - (CSI > ALV). Approved.

SOCL 302 (Ousey) "Criminology" - (CSI > NQR). Approved.

HIST 359 (McNamara) "Reformation in Europe" - (CSI > ALV). Approved.

ART 327 (Jabbur) "Ceramics: Handbuilding 1" - (ALV > NQR). Approved.

CLCV 207 (Panoussi) "Greek Civilization" - (CSI > ALV, ALV > CSI). Approved.

\* AMES 250 (Han) "Critical Issues in AMES" - Approved for (CSI > ALV). Should provide specific breakdown of ALV components to justify (ALV > CSI). Also, course title sounds more like a COLL 100 course than a COLL 200 course; an alternative title might be more appropriate.

b) COLL 200 proposals not approved:

\* ANTH 202 (Glasser) - (CSI > ALV). EPC will consider this proposal after syllabus is provided.

c) COLL 100 proposal approved

THEA 100 (Wolf) “Divas and Muses: Gay Men and Their Icons” - COLL 100 committee wanted input from EPC regarding this course. It is not evident from the course description what the “big idea” of the course is, but some possibilities were suggested in discussion. EPC approves of the course, but suggests that a few sections of the course description be modified so that they not be mistaken for intrusive with regards to students’ own sexual identity.

#### **4. Regular business**

a) Course proposal: LATN 330 “Imperial Latin Literature: The Rhetoric of Cruelty.” Approved.

b) Course change: GOVT 327 “Theory and History in International Relations.” Approved.

c) GER proposal: ARAB 311/AMES 290 (GER 4B). Approved.

**6. Discussion of additional domain courses:** Do most course offerings fall in a domain, or only a more select group? Courses with prerequisites will not be used to fulfill the requirement, anyway, so there is no need to assign them to a domain. Draft of application form proposed by Jack Martin, will be modified and discussed at a future EPC meeting.