

Educational Policy Committee Minutes, September 9, 2015

Present: Bill Hutton (chair), Martha Higgins, Lu Ann Homza, Hiroshi Kitamura, Jack Martin, Weizhen Mao, Monica Potkay, Denise Ridley-Johnston (guest), John “Rio” Riofrio (guest), Diane Shakes, Marc Sher, Bill Stewart, Jeremy Stoddard, Jennifer Taylor.

Scribe: Jack Martin

1. The minutes of September 2, 2015 were approved.
2. The following applications were approved:
 - GER 4b request for Art History 330 (Buddhist Art & Architecture)
 - Domain designation (CSI) for Govt 201, 203, 204
 - Curriculum Change: History 332 (Modern Korean History) added to list of AMES East Asian Studies electives
 - Course Change: WRIT 300 from one to two credits
 - C200 CSI request for GSWS 205.
3. We discussed the desirability of numbering all COLL 300 courses with “300”.
4. We discussed the desirability of recommending or requiring language on syllabi describing the COLL course descriptions. (In the past, Assessment has required this for GER courses.)
5. We continued discussion of a white paper from the Center for the Liberal Arts relating to on-campus COLL 300 courses. Bill Hutton showed some potential edits to the existing COLL 300 language that would be in keeping with the CLA white paper. We will continue to edit and discuss that language online.
6. The Active Learning requirement. The committee feels that the Active Learning requirement is poorly defined. We discussed four options: 1) getting rid of the requirement; 2) requiring two active learning courses in different domains (this is Marc Sher’s proposal); 3) restricting Active Learning to GER 6 courses (this was presented in a petition to us); 4) clarifying what the term means. For some, the word “experiential” is clearer than “active learning”. Bill Hutton presented draft language that might capture and clarify what active learning means. We will continue to edit and discuss that language online.