

EPC Minutes, 10/21/2015

Present: Monica Potkay, Jack Martin, Hiroshi Kitamura, Marc Sher, Cory Springer, Weizhen Mao, Jennifer Taylor, Jeremy Stoddard, Jack Zhang, Paul Blossom, Maryse Fauvel, Francie Cate-Arries, Lu Ann Homza, Bill Hutton (Chair), Rio Riofrio, Rich Lowry, Martha Higgins, Susan Grover, Susan Bosworth, Sharon Zuber, Chandos Michael Brown

-Minutes approved.

-Course Discussions:

Music Department requests additional GER 4 and 5 topic courses. EPC would like to view relevant syllabi and deferred vote pending their appearance.

Brief information regarding Assessment Office guidelines. No action necessary.

Discussion of non-English-language COLL 150's

Modern Languages and Literatures (Fauvel and Cate-Arries) made the case for conducting 150Ws in a language other than English (French and Spanish). Discussion was broad ranging, but EPC noted that curriculum changes required the approval of the FAS.

Such seminars will be limited to students who possess "exceptional" knowledge of the languages in question. These would be few in number, and they will meet all "published" requirements for the 150w.

Some opposing views on behalf of the Writing Committee (Zuber, Potkay, Lowry): students *need* instruction in composition. Also the question of assessing progress and competence.

It was also noted that medical schools evidently require some evidence of writing instruction.

An objection that this is akin to "English only legislation."

Homza offered to convene a focus group to examine this issue.

Guests adjourn.

EPC discussion. Martin's memo of 10/15/2015 concerning foreign language 150Ws briefly discussed. Motion to approve, seconded. Martin withdrew the memo pending a "Town Hall" discussion regarding the subject. Further discussion deferred.

-Course proposals under consideration:

- RELG 210, approved for COLL 200 ALV&CSI.
- CLCV 205, approved for COLL 200 ALV > CSI
- CLCV 352, approved for COLL 200 ALV&CSI
- ECON 101, not approved for COLL 200 CSI > ALV, committee requires more explanation of the reaching out to ALV
- CLCV 218 COLL 200 ALV > CSI
- HIST 192 COLL 200 CSI > ALV
- HIST 300, "Unrest . . .," decision on COLL 300 deferred pending submission of other parts of a

- planned bundle of 1-credit courses.
- English Department Major Requirements, approved with suggestions for different wording proposed by Martin.
- MLL department's proposal to change Foreign Language Proficiency deferred.
- Philosophy department: change to major requirements approved
- Registrar's proposal to move up deadlines for declaring majors and minors approved
- ARAB 301/303 change to prerequisites approved

-Move to adjourn at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,

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