

Educational Policy Committee Minutes, November 4, 2015

Attendance: Bill Hutton (chair), Susan Bosworth, Chandos Brown, LuAnn Homza, Weizhen Mao, Paul Mapp, Jack Martin, Diane Shakes, Marc Sher, Cory Springer, Jeremy Stoddard, Peter Vishton, and Jack Zhang

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1. Minutes of October 28 were approved.

2. Blanket conversion from GER to knowledge domains

Bill suggested to uniformly convert all GER courses to their corresponding knowledge domains. That is, GER 1 & 2 to NQR, GER 3 & 4 to CSI, and GER 5, 6, 7 to ALV. Some EPC members pointed out there are exceptions, e.g., some GER 3 courses are not CSI. It was suggested that both EPC and Department Chair/Program Directors be involved in deciding the domain designation for GER courses. The plan is to have Cory prepare a spreadsheet with the current GERs, marking those that fall into a domain. EPC will review and revise the document, and then pass it to the Chairs/Directors for their input.

3. Brief notes and discussions

- COLL 100 courses cannot be cross-listed with other courses. Upper-class students are allowed to take COLL 100 courses if seats are available after freshman registration.
- Jack has started a list of curriculum items that require EPC or FAS approval. New items will be gradually added. Once the list is completed, it will be posted on the EPC or W&M website. Such a list will not only help new faculty members but also make the EPC more efficient.
- Discussion topics for the rest of the semester (with four more meetings left) include: online courses, ACTV, and non-English 150. The topic of COLL 400 will be moved to the Spring semester. LuAnn is planning to schedule a town hall meeting for COLL 400 and Joel Schwartz and Teresa Longo will be invited to EPC meetings to discuss COLL 400 implementation and the Quality Enhancement Project currently in the planning stage. Also a survey is suggested for faculty to share COLL experiences. CLA fellows are expected to be involved in the design of the survey.
- EPC meeting times for next semester will be most likely on Friday mornings (e.g., 8:30 to 10:00) or alternating between two times every other week.

4. Continuation of discussion about online courses

The discussion was mainly on the policy to delink credit hours from contact hours for online courses. Although no conclusion was made, EPC members were asked to go to google doc to review and edit the list of questions for a form that can be used for online

courses and other courses that need delinking credit hours from contact hours. The list will be discussed on the next EPC meeting.

5. Curriculum applications

Approved:

- GEOL 312 Global Climate Change, Course changes (title and description) and COLL 200 NQR > CSI
- HIST 212 Spanish Law and Social History, COLL 300
- ENGL 203 and 204 British Literature I and II, ALV domain designation
- MATH 316 Projective Geometry and Art, COLL 200 NQR > ALV
- THEA 222 Acting Asian American, COLL 200 ALV > CSI and ACTV
- MUSC 363 Irish and American Musical Interactions, COLL 300
- SOCL 340 Transnational Encounters and Activism, GER 4C
- CLCV 290/390 (new topics courses) and 490 (name change)
- Joanne Braxton's request to allow students to take both ENGL 200 Stories that Heal and AFST 210 Medicine, Arts, and Social Justice for credits.

Not approved:

- FREN 299, 300, and 302 (study abroad programs), credit hour change, tabled for more information
- MUSC 363 Irish and American Musical Interactions GER 4A/5, and MUSC 363 Music in the Civil War Era, COLL 200 and GER 4A/5, tabled for the next EPC meeting
- ARTH 200 Asian Art, ALV&CSI, rejected with suggestions to submit more information and change to ALV > CSI