

EPC Minutes
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016

Present: Jeremy Stoddard, Martha Higgins, Don Rahtz, LuAnn Homza, Jenny Taylor, Cory Springer, Marc Sher, Monica Potkay, John Charles, Bill Hutton, Laurie Wolf, Weizhen Mao, Elizabeth Harbron, Chandos Brown, Susan Bosworth, Peter Vishton

I. The minutes of the Oct. 26 meeting were approved without changes.

II. It was noted that Susan Bosworth will present new information about SCHEV reporting requirements at next week's meeting. SCHEV will require assessment of 6 competencies (critical thinking, written communication, quantitative literacy, civic engagement, and 2 additional competencies of our choosing).

III. New Business

- MLL has had an additional meeting to discuss how they can develop specific criteria for accepting transfer courses rather than a blanket ban on online courses.
- Peter presented the EPC annual report at Tuesday's FAS meeting. Faculty attendees had numerous questions about COLL 400 and are eager to have COLL 400 courses on the books. LuAnn further clarified the CLA's process and timeline for developing criteria for COLL 400 courses. The CLA fellows continue to have departmental COLL 400 events scheduled into next semester, and there will be an important town hall meeting in February. After the town hall, EPC should be able to begin approval of COLL 400 courses. Additional issues to consider include whether non-seniors can take COLL 400 courses.
- The present members agreed to meet at the same time and place in the spring semester.

IV. Proposals

1. APIA - 366 - Asian American Studies. (Request for permanent course number with APIA prefix) Approved.
2. BIOL - 305 - BIOL 305 "Integrative Biology: Plants" (without lab). (Request for new course number for lecture without lab) Approved.
3. ENGL - 419A - Jane Austen. (Request for permanent course number for previously taught single-author topics course) Approved.
4. ENSP - 249 - Addressing Environmental Challenges: Research, Policy, and Activism. (COLL 300) Approved.
5. GEOL - 310-02 - Regional Field Geology—Norway. (COLL 300) Members had questions about the intended procedure if a student is unable to go on the trip after attending all of the spring semester meetings. Is it possible to split up the credits (1 for the spring work, 1 for the trip)? The question of whether there was any way to expand the course so that it would fulfill 3 credits of COLL 300 was also raised. The proposal will be rejected so that the department can clarify these questions.

6. GSWS HIST - 300 - Queer and Present Danger: The LGBTIQ Past in the U.S. (COLL 300) Approved with the caveats that the syllabus should include the end-of-semester COLL 300 symposium. The intended course number also needs to be clarified.
7. PHIL - 311 - Philosophy of Religion. (ALV attribute) Approved.
8. PSYC - 100 - What can We Learn from Babies? (cross-list request) Approved.
9. Psychology Department - n/a. (departmental title change from Psychology to Psychological Sciences) Approved. The next step is for EPC to take the proposal to FAS. The Psychology department must decide whether to retain their current PSYC code or elect to create a new one. If they retain PSYC, the departmental name change will be retroactive to include all past graduates. If they create a new code, then only current and future students would be graduating with a major in psychological sciences.
10. Public Policy - BA in Public Policy. (institute new capstone requirement fulfilled by existing courses) Approved.
11. PUBP - 395 - Non-Capstone Independent Study in Public Policy. (new course created for students seeking independent study but not fulfilling the capstone requirement) Approved with the note that the proposed 395 course number is already in use. 396 is available and can be used.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.