EPC Minutes for 9/1/17

Present: Marc Sher, Susan Bosworth, Randy Coleman, Laurie Wolf, John Donahue, Cory Springer, Sallie Marchello, Tuska Benes, Janice Zeman, Brian Kreydatus, Shannon Lewis, Alea Al-Aghbari, Julia Wicks, Jenny Taylor, Elizabeth Harbron

Scribe: Elizabeth Harbron

1. Introductions

- Members in attendance introduced themselves. A motion to invite Cory Springer and Susan Bosworth to these meetings in perpetuity was approved.
- 2. The minutes from May 3rd, June 21st (online meeting), and July 3rd (online) were approved.
- 3. Consent calendar: the following proposals were approved. In discussion, it was noted that individual course proposals are still required for C400, but departments with true capstones like History could apply for blanket C400 approval for their senior capstones. In such cases departments will have to stipulate that all of the courses will meet all requirements of C400. Jenny's email to the faculty from last spring outlines these procedures.
 - BUAD 450 Global Marketing (C300)
 - ECON 424 (C400)
 - GEOL 491-2, 496 Senior/Honors Research (C400)
 - GRMN 387 Topics in Media and Modernity in the Weimar Republic (C200 ALV and CSI)
 - HISP 390 Queer Latinidad: Constructing Self and Community (C300)
 - RELG 361 Modern Hinduism (C300)
 - APSC 496 Honors (C400)
 - CLCV 400 Classical Studies Seminar (C400)
 - ECON 409 Research Methods in Experimental Economics (C400)
 - KINE 415 Public Health: Health Equity, Sustainability and Well-being in a Global Age (New course)
 - MATH 400 Concentration (C400)
 - RELG 364 Yoga and Tantra (C200 ALV --> CSI)
 - RELG 367 Tibetan Religion (C200 ALV --> CSI)
 - THEA 201 Beginning Acting (catalog change)
 - THEA 302 Intermediate Acting (catalog change)
- 4. Other proposals for discussion:
 - AMST/HIST 312 Queer and Present Danger (C300) Approved.
 - GEOL 307 Planetary Geology (C200 NQR --> CSI) Rejected with suggestions for more explicit inclusion of CSI content in both readings and assignments.
 - THEA 337 African American Theater History II (C300) Rejected with suggestions that the syllabus more explicitly incorporate the C300 visitors.

- 5. Latin Honors and Dean's List (update)
 - See chart at the end of this document with comparison of criteria for Latin honors and Dean's List at W&M to peer schools. If anyone wants to make a motion at a future meeting regarding W&M's criteria, they may do so.
- 6. Inclusion and Common Group Proposal (update proposed resolution).
 - Marc distributed a resolution by the subcommittee comprised of members of the Implementation Team of the Task Force on Race and Race Relations and EPC.
 - John Riofrio (Rio) and Laura Heymann from the Implementation Team of the Task Force will visit next week to discuss the resolution.
 - Marc suggests that a student member of EPC (Shannon?) join the committee
 - EPC members of the group currently are Marc, Jenny, Laurie, Elizabeth. Bill Hutton, who is no longer on EPC, has also been involved.
- 7. Exams, papers, proposals in the last week of classes
 - The rule currently states that there shall be no exams in the last week of classes.
 - Dean Janice Zeman notes that the rule as currently stated is confusing and ambiguous.
 She receives complaints from students each semester. She would like EPC to clarify the rule.
 - One idea mentioned in the spring is to specify no one element that exceeds X% of the
 final grade can be due during the last week of classes. Another idea: if there is no final
 exam for a course, the final project/paper could be due during the last week of classes.
 It was suggested that these two rules might be combined into one, with different
 criteria depending on whether or not the course had a final exam.
 - Marc suggests that people generate ideas for concrete proposals, and we can discuss it again next week.

8. Other issues

- ENSP 303 Issues in Environmental Ethics is sometimes the same and sometimes a very different course. Proposal to make it repeatable if the topic is different with permission of instructor (instructor would verify that the topic is different). Or we could make it a topics course. Approved to make it repeatable as a topics course.
- GOVT 401 C400 will wait until next week.
- INTR 140 wants to change the number to 141 to match Computer Science 141. Marc wants to get the explicit approval of the CSCI chair, but then the petition will be approved.
- BUAD 414 C400 appears to be incomplete. The disparate audiences box is blank. *Rejected*.

Latin Honors

INSTITUTION	Summa cum Laude	Magna cum Laude	Cum Laude
William and Mary	3.80	3.65	3.50
Boston College	Top 4.5%	Top 14%	Top 29%
Boston University	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 30%
Brandeis	3.80	3.70	3.50
Clemson	3.95	3.85	3.70
Dartmouth	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 35%
Georgetown	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 25%
Marquette	3.90	3.70	3.50
Rutgers	3.85	3.70	3.50
Binghamton	3.85	3.70	3.50
Syracuse	3.80	3.60	3.40
Tufts	3.80	3.65	3.50
UC Irvine	Top 1% (3.93)	Top 4% (3.83)	Top 12% (3.64)
UC Santa Barbara	Top 2.5% (3.87)	Top 8.5% (3.72)	Top 20% (3.53)
Connecticut	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 25%
Delaware	Top 1% (3.94)	Top 5% (3.82)	Top 12% (3.71)
Georgia	3.90	3.70	3.50
New Hampshire	3.85	3.65	3.50
Notre Dame	Top 5% (3.93)	Top 15% (3.82)	Top 30% (3.70)
Vanderbilt	Top 5% (3.93)	Top 13% (3.85)	Top 25% (3.74)
Wake Forest	3.80	3.60	3.40
Wash U, St. Louis	Top 15% of >3.65	Top 35% of >3.65	3.65
Yeshiva	3.85	3.70	3.50
OTHERS (NOT IN	PEER GROUP)		
Duke	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 25%
U Mass Amherst	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 25%
NYU	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 30%
Cincinnati	3.90	3.75	3.60
U I Chicago	3.90	3.75	3.50

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Dean's List

INSTITUTION	Dean's List	
William and Mary	3.60	
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Boston College	Three levels (3.30, 3.50, 3.70)	
Boston University	3.50 (16 credits minimum)	
Brandeis	3.50	
Clemson	3.50	
Dartmouth	3.20, with 3.80 for "chancellor's list"	
Georgetown	3.70	
Marquette	3.50	
Rutgers	3.50	
Binghamton	3.50	
Syracuse	3.40	
Tufts	3.40	
UC Irvine	3.50	
UC Santa Barbara	3.75	
Connecticut	Top 25% (last year 3.70)	
Delaware	3.33	
Georgia	3.00 (!!)	
New Hampshire	3.50	
Notre Dame	Top 30%	
Vanderbilt	3.50	
Wake Forest	3.40	
Wash U, St. Louis	3.60	
Yeshiva	3.50	
OTHERS (NOT IN	PEER GROUP)	
Duke	Top third (top 10% "with distinction")	
U Mass Amherst	3.50	
NYU	3.70	
Cincinnati	3.40	
U I Chicago	3.25	