

Minutes of EPC meeting on Oct. 20, 2017

Attending: Marc Sher, Peter Vishton, Elizabeth Harbron, Tuska Benes, Sally Marchello, Cory Springer, Leslie Grant, Alea Al-Aghbari, Laurie Wolf, Susan Bosworth

The minutes of Oct. 6th were approved.

The following were approved:

AFST 306 (C 300)

ECON 449 (C 400)

GOVT 496 (C 400)

GRMN 408 (C400)

HISP 205 (new course)

HIST 212 (C200 CSI -> ALV)

THEA 337 (C 300)

THEA 485 (C400)

UREG (catalog change)

INTR 490 (C 300) -- with the proviso that the delinking form on Curriculog be filled out.

MUSC 351 (C 300)

MUSC 363A (C 200 ALV --> NQR)

The DC program short (one-week +, 3 credits) courses were discussed. It is understood that roughly 120 hours of work (class time plus outside of class) are needed for three credits, and that some of these courses satisfy this. For the next academic year, all DC short courses should be approved by EPC. It was agreed that a short-course form for Curriculog should be developed for both the DC courses and any other courses (such as INTR 490 above).

There was substantial discussion about the last-week-of-classes issue. The Deans have requested that the current language in the faculty manual, which refers to exams and tests but not papers and projects, should be clarified. After discussion, it was agreed that the distinction between tests/exams and papers/projects was somewhat arbitrary, and a general prohibition on having more than 25% of the grade depend on material due in the last week of classes (with the obvious understanding that this does not preclude a much higher percentage being due during the regularly scheduled final). A more precise motion will be prepared over the next few days.

On the subject of graduate students teaching COLL200 courses. The curriculum says that COLL courses shall be taught “to the extent possible” by TE and long-term NTE faculty. This has not always been followed. Currently, graduate students teach summer courses in physics, domain-based courses in history and GSWS 205. In all cases, the students are heavily mentored, and often get better evaluations than the faculty. It was agreed that GSWS can submit their GSWS 205 course as a COLL200, and EPC will then discuss the matter. The general sentiment towards allowing these rare exceptions was positive.

Laurie Wolf was elected to Chair EPC for the Spring semester.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02