

Educational Policy Committee
Minutes
February 2, 2018

Present: Laurie Wolf (chair), John Donahue, Elizabeth Harbron, Michele Jackson, Cory Springer, Weizhen Mao, Chandos Brown, Randy Coleman, Brian Kreydatus, Hiroshi Kitamura, Susan Bosworth, Sallie Marchello, Jenny Taylor, Tuska Benes, Gene Tracy, Ben Boone

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1. Approval of previous minutes.

2. Optional additional credit for on-campus COLL 300.

Gene Tracy gave an overview of a proposal to create the option for faculty instructors to add an extra 4th credit to existing 3-credit courses that are converted to on-campus COLL 300.

EPC voted to endorse the proposal with the understanding that (1) Curriculog form will be modified accordingly to allow the choice of the extra credit; (2) the extra credit is only effective for the semester when the course is being taught; and (3) the course catalog will keep the original credit number.

3. Stand-alone COLL 300/400 courses.

Gene Tracy and Ben Boone introduced a proposal to establish the opportunity for stand-alone COLL300/400 courses with the COLL subject prefix. The purpose of the proposal is to support faculty innovation, provide a mechanism for faculty to offer courses outside their home departments, and encourage team teaching that crosses disciplinary boundaries.

Some EPC members voiced concern about the proposed approval process which involves CLA. The proposal was tabled to the next meeting or after responses from CCPD are gathered.

4. Course approvals.

The EPC voted to approve the following courses:

PHYS 411 – Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Properties, and Applications

PHYS 471 – Capstone Engineering Design Senior Project

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Physics Department's application to create a new concentration: Engineering Physics and Applied Design (EPAD)