

Educational Policy Committee
Minutes of March 16, 2018

In attendance: Laurie Wolf (chair), John Donahue, Elizabeth Harbron, Randy Coleman, Brian Kreydatus (secretary), Sallie Marchello (Ex-officio), Tuska Benes, Chandos Michael Brown, Jennifer Taylor, Hiroshi Kitamura, Shannon Lewis

Meeting began at 11:13pm after relocating to the basement of Blow Hall

1. Minutes from February 23, 2018 approved
2. The EPC voted to approve the following courses on its consent calendar:
 - ART 462, Capstone II
 - ART 463, Capstone III
 - ARTH 150, Iconoclasm
 - BIOL 220/221, Introduction to Organisms, Ecology, Evolution
 - BIOL 405, Research Seminar
 - BIOL 225/226, Introduction to Molecules
 - CHEM 456, Mass Spectrometry
 - Classical Studies, Classical Archeology concentration
 - Classical Studies, Concentrations in Greek, Latin, Classical Civilization, and Classical Archaeology
 - CLV 207, Greek Civilization
 - CLCV 356W, Comparative Slavery
 - CSCI 140, Programming for Data Science
 - CSCI 434, Network Systems and Design
 - ENGL 419, Alfred Hitchcock (online)
 - ENGL 475, Research Seminar in English
 - Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies- Gender Sexuality & Women's Studies
 - GRMN 387, Topics in German (taught in English) : Pop Culture- Made in Berlin
 - HIST 100, Dixie's Monuments
 - HIST 150, The Family in Premodern Europe
 - HIST 211, Early Modern Mediterranean World
 - HIST 255, Religion in America to 1800
 - LATN 201/202, Introduction to Latin Prose/Poetry
 - LATN 301, Reading Literature in Latin
 - MATH 351, Probability and Statistics for Scientists
 - MDLL 348, Teaching English Abroad
 - MUSC 261, Live Sound & Audio Production
 - MUSC 379, BeatleMusic
 - Neuroscience- Neuroscience
 - NSCI 496, Honors
 - PSYC 301, Elementary Statistics
 - RUSN 150, The Folktale in Russian Culture
 - THEA 460, Theatre and Performance in Muslim Worlds
3. Proposals for Discussion
 - ANTH 350, Anthropology of the State- APPROVE

- ARAB 220, The Sound of Meaning: Sound symbolism in language, linguistics, literature, and culture- APPROVE with friendly suggestion for cross-listing
 - ART 461, CAPSTONE I- APPROVE
 - CHEM 461, An Essential Unity: Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences- APPROVE with request for trimmed down course description. If not provided, the last sentence in the course description provided on the curriculog form will be used
 - CSCI 232, Competitive Programming- APPROVE
 - CSCI 416, Introduction to Machine Learning- APPROVE
 - CSCI 417, Computer Animation- APPROVE with friendly suggestion to consider recommending ART 211 or ART 212 as a suggested course prerequisite
 - HIST 211, The Population Bomb- APPROVE with clarification on syllabus
 - INTR 161, Transitions: W & M – cannot approve new course without a syllabus
4. Japanese Major Proposal- APPROVED
Brief discussion of history of proposal and support from committee members
5. COLL 199 DISCUSSION: It was agreed upon that we would look at the proposal again next week in greater depth.

Impressions from faculty meetings were conveyed to EPC that the faculty did not want curriculog to dictate the content or form of the COLL 199 experience. This may put EPC in the position of constantly making judgement calls about courses with very broad parameters.

EPC read suggestions proposed by Berhanu and added by Rio that removed “marginalization” from the first sentence of the second paragraph and substituted “inclusion and exclusion”. The sentence in question now reads:

These goals are: 1) to deepen students’ understanding of the contradictory processes of inclusion and exclusion as social, cultural, and institutional practices that are both historical and ongoing;

The committee agreed with this change.

The committee also made some editing decisions:

Taking out the first mention of “requirement” in the first sentence of the first paragraph.

The sentence now reads:

The COLL 199 is a requirement that all students take a course of at least 3 credits dealing with justice and equity.

Taking out the word “between” and replacing it with “among” in the 3rd sentence of the third paragraph. The sentence now reads:

2) emphasize respectful dialogue among students as an integral component of the course;

It was agreed that this version of COLL 199 would be fine for the student assembly to view at their meeting scheduled for later this afternoon.

EPC will finalize the COLL 199 proposal next week for an all faculty vote in April.

6. End of the semester deadlines

As most departments have taken care of their COLL 400's it was agreed that the committee should not need to work over the summer.

A final date for routine course approvals will be April 15th and for those that need to go through subcommittees March 15th. This info will be conveyed to department chairs.

It was also noted that the last day of committee service for those who are ending their term this academic year would be July 1, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07pm