

Educational Policy Committee--Minutes
March 23, 2018

In attendance: Laurie Wolf (chair), Alea Al-Aghbari, Tuska Benes, Paul Blossom, Chandos Brown, Elizabeth Harbron, Hiroshi Kitamura, Tom Linneman (Ex-officio), Weizhen Mao, Cory Springer, Janice Zeman

Scribe: Hiroshi Kitamura

Meeting commenced at 11:01AM

1. Approval of the minutes from March 16

Approved with the following emendation:

The line that reads "A final date for routine course approvals... need to go through subcommittees **March 15th**" --> change to "**March 30**"

2. Janice Zeman--3+3 Program with the Law School

Dean Zeman introduced a 3+3 plan that combines undergraduate and Law School curricula. Originating from former Dean John Griffin some years ago, the proposed curriculum provisionally admits undergraduates to the Law School during their first year at W&M, and enables them to begin their coursework in Law School during their senior year, in ways that could push them through the two degrees--B.A. and J.D.--in six years. One of the main sticking points back then concerned the double counting of courses--up to 30 credits spanning across two semesters--in the 4th year.

Dean Zeman wanted to "gauge the temperature" of the EPC with an amended plan that would double-count only 15 credit hours (one semester's worth of coursework). The EPC expressed three main concerns: (1) 15 credits still goes well beyond the 6-credit limit currently applied to our undergraduates and the 9-credit limit granted to Public Policy (2) the initiative seems to primarily come from the "top down" without fully studying the demand side (3) the program may counter the goals of undergraduate liberal arts education by institutionalizing regimented coursework and job-oriented course-taking from the very first year in college.

3. Consent calendar

The following proposals were unanimously approved:

CHEM 205: Advanced Freshman Chemistry
GSWS 391: Topics in Gender and International Issues
GSWS 392: Topics in LGBTQ Issues

GSWS 393: Topics in Gender and Race/Ethnicity Issues
GSWS 390: Transgender Fictions
HIST 495: Honors I
HIST 496: Honors II
Philosophy--Philosophy major and minor

The following proposal was approved but EPC requests that a line be added to clarify that the course can be retaken if the topic varies.

INTR 110: Wellness Applications

Proposals for discussion:

AMES 385: AMES Student Think Tank

EPC asks for further information on how the internships are organized (whether or not it will be done for college credit) and how these internships--conducted with diverse institutions in different Asian countries--will fall under the umbrella theme of the on-campus COLL300

Computer Science--N/A

Approved

CLCV 356: Comparative Slavery: Ancient and Modern

Approved

CSCI 320: Directed Study

Approved

ENGL 416/390A: Lesbian Fictions

EPC asks for further clarification on how the on-campus speaker events will be integrated into the course. The plan is inscribed on the syllabus under "Course description" but not demonstrated in the "Course schedule and reading assignments" section.

HISP 489: Librotraficantes: Power and Ethnicity in the US Southwest

Approved

4. COLL 199 discussion and vote

The EPC examined the changes proposed by Chris Tucker, Tim Costelloe, and Elizabeth Radcliffe of the Philosophy Department. But since the proposal relied on the language that is no longer current, the EPC adapted the spirit of the proposal to the current language. The revised language is as follows (change highlighted in **BOLD**):

"These goals are: 1) to deepen students' understanding of **value-laden** processes of inclusion and exclusion as social, cultural, **normative**, and institutional practices that are both historical and ongoing"

The EPC also revisited the debate concerning the cap size of COLL 199 and unanimously agreed that 25--not 35--will be the appropriate maximum for said course.

The EPC will revisit these issues in a future meeting.

5. New Business/Announcements

Cory Springer reported that the COLL 300 form on Curriculumlog now comes with a check box for those interested in adding a 4th credit. This option was created in response to an earlier EPC discussion involving Ben Boone and Gene Tracy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52AM