

**Educational Policy Committee
Minutes from 9/7/18**

In attendance: Elizabeth Harbron (chair), Mike Kordosky, John Donahue, Katharine Brownfiel, Jackie Keshner, Matthew Dungan, Elizabeth Mead, Candice Benjes-Small, Tom Linneman, Jonathan Glasser, Cory Springer, Mike Deschenes, Laurie Wolf, Randy Coleman, Susan Bosworth

Meeting began at 11:04

1. Approval of minutes from the 8/31/18 meeting

The minutes from the 8/31/18 meeting were circulated before the meeting. They were approved.

2. Consent calendar- All courses on the consent calendar (below) were approved

AMES 390-01 – Oil in the Middle East	domain application (CSI)
ANTH 150 – World Archaeology: From Cavemen to Kings	COLL 150
ANTH 348 – Japanese Values Through Lit. and Film	domain application (CSI)
HIST 150 – Guatemala: 20 th -Century Visions of Change	COLL 150
THEA 317 – Fundamentals of Playwriting	course change application
THEA AMES DANC 333 – South & South East Asian Folklore Perf	COLL 200 ALV>CSI

3. Proposals for discussion

GOVT 401 – American Politics Seminar – mult. sections	COLL 400
GOVT 402 – Political Theory Seminar – mult. sections	COLL 400
GOVT 403 – Comparative Politics Seminar – mult. sections	COLL 400
GOVT 404 – International Politics Seminar – mult. sections	COLL 400

The proponents are asking for EPC to validate that they indeed have EPC approval for COLL 400 for all sections and topics of 401-404, without specifying in advance the exact topic and coursework. The courses are, of course, approved within the GOVT department.

After discussion the courses were approved.

INTR 390 – Topics	new course application
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Following explanation by the chair, the course was approved.

INTR 490 – DCSI American Politics Institute PreCourse	non-traditional modes application
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Initial concern (8/31/18 meeting) was why this was a 400 level class. The proponents were OK with 300 and the course may be renumbered as a 300 level course.

Also a concern as to why this was INTR rather than GOVT. The reply was that the class integrates a lot of sociology and psychology.

Following discussion the course was approved.

GOVT 498 – Washington Internship in American Politics non-traditional modes application INTR
This proposal was returned to the proponents after the 8/31/18 meeting with a request that they clarify how internships are vetted.

There was discussion about how student progress is evaluated and how potential problems are detected. The committee agreed that some periodic (weekly, bi-weekly) contact initiated by the faculty member to the student would be a good idea. The idea of also contacting the people running the internships (e.g., to get the other side of any story) was also discussed. The reaction to that idea was mostly positive but with some concern about the effect of micromanagement on the relationship between W&M and internship offerers.

The committee decided to ask the course proponents for further information and to get their reaction to the suggestions about enhanced contact.

4. Vote on CLA proposals for stand-alone COLL 300s and 400s and for additional COLL attributes

The committee initially discussed these proposals during the 8/31/18 meeting. Details are reported in that meeting's minutes.

*There was a discussion clarifying the nature of COLL 300 and 400s, as well as the additional attributes. During the last meeting there was discussion about the availability of resources to help free faculty in small/busy departments to teach these interdisciplinary courses. That topic was raised again. The chair thought that this was a question of resources outside the purview of EPC. **After further discussion the proposals were approved.***

5. Other business: There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am