

EPC Minutes
9/21/18

Present: John Donahue, Jonathan Glasser, Mike Kordosky, Randy Coleman, Candice Benjes-Small, Laurie Wolf, Tuska Benes, Sallie Marchello, Tom Linneman, Matthew Dungan, Cory Springer, Paul Blossom, Brian Kreydatus, Katharine Brownfiel, Jackie Keshner, Susan Bosworth, Elizabeth Harbron

1. Approval of minutes from 9/7/18

Motion seconded and approved.

2. Proposals – Consent Calendar

ANTH 342 – Peoples and Cultures of East Asia	domain application (CSI)
APIA 342 – Peoples and Cultures of East Asia	new course application (crosslist)
APIA 405 – Outside In: Transnational Asian Am. Lit. Economics	new course application
	curriculum change application
GRMN 290&390 – Topics in German Studies	COLL 200 ALV>CSI

The proposals above were approved as part of the consent calendars.

3. Proposals – For Discussion

ANTH 317 – Insurgent Geographies	COLL 200 CSI>ALV
Approved. Revise catalog description to remove jargon.	
CHEM 460 – Scientific and Social Aspects of Drug Devel.	COLL 400
Approved.	
GOVT 391 – Law & Politics in the Nation’s Capital	non-traditional modes & COLL 300
Approve 300 only. Delinking.	
GOVT 498 – Washington Internship in American Politics	non-traditional modes application
Approve.	
GRMN 391 – Independent Research Abroad	course change application
Hold. Independent study not COLL300	
RELG 204 – Christian Origins	COLL 200 CSI>ALV
Hold. More clarification needed for historical context.	

3. New Business

A. Possible addition of a sustainability attribute to Curriculog forms

- The Committee on Sustainability is asking if we could add a checkbox in Curriculog for faculty to self-identify their courses as having a sustainability component
- John Swaddle, co-chair of the Committee on Sustainability, describes the rationale for this change: “(1) It would help identify any new courses that meet sustainability criteria, which then makes it easier to report accurately about sustainability in the curriculum. (2) It might prompt people to think about sustainability as they are designing courses, and so assist with increasing W&M’s academic commitments to sustainability.” He also notes that this would help students find courses with a sustainability focus.

Not approved. Concerns about implied approval by EPC, and possible proliferation of attributes in Curriculog. Concerns about attributes on previously approved courses. Can use search for attribute if course description is suitable crafted.

B. Revisions to the undergraduate portion of the Arts & Sciences Faculty Manual by the Faculty Affairs Committee and possible incorporation of additional EPC info (see 2 email attachments)

- On behalf of the Faculty Affairs committee, Jack Martin has sent us two documents to review: 1) revisions to the A&S Faculty Manual and 2) a list of EPC's "unwritten rules" that he would like us to consider authorizing for inclusion in the Faculty Manual.
- Changes to the first document and the inclusion of the second must be approved by EPC.
- EPC must decide what constitutes a "change in educational policy," which would then have to be approved by the faculty of Arts & Sciences.

EPC members will review for discussion at the next EPC meeting.

C. Catalog language for defining the B.S. degree

- What differentiates a B.S. degree from a B.A. degree at William & Mary? Should EPC develop guidelines?
- Rationale: Kinesiology & Health Sciences and Psychological Sciences are required to have their B.S. students take 3 additional courses in traditional Area III disciplines above and beyond the courses students take to fulfill COLL requirements. Does this requirement still make sense given the substantial changes that these two departments have undergone over the years?

Concerns included:

- Issue confusing
- Need for breadth in degrees
- NQR would be clean

Solution: Encourage Kinesiology and Psychology to NQR for BS. 3 additional NQRs beyond COLL and major requirements beyond that needed for BA.