

**EPC Minutes**  
**November 13, 2020**

*In attendance:* Susan Bosworth, Magali Compan, John Donahue, Josh Erlich (chair), Jonathan Glasser, Michael Kordosky, Rachel Li, Tom Linneman, Sallie Marchello, Elizabeth Mead, Christy Porter, Nori Thurman, Kristin Wustholz

**Consent Calendar**

ARTH 391 - NATURE and ITS REPRESENTATIONS	COLL 300
ENGL 475 - Sociologies of Literature Since 1945	COLL 400
ENSP 440 - The environmental and human history of North America	COLL 400
PHYS 101H - General Physics I - Honors	Course Change
PHYS 102H - General Physics II - Honors	Course Change
PHYS 212 (currently 309) - Undergraduate Seminar	Course Change
PHYS 254 (currently 301) - Introduction to Mathematical Physics	Course Change

The consent calendar was approved.

**Other Proposals**

ECON 300 - Emerging Cities, Migration and Informality	COLL 300
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The application was resubmitted and has not yet reached the EPC step, so it will be considered once the application returns to EPC.

Global Studies - Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	Curriculum Change
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The catalog description is not complete, so EPC will revisit the application after it is modified.

**Foreign Language Proficiency (FLP) for Portuguese**

The syllabi for LAS 101-202 (Portuguese and Brazilian Culture) are consistent with standards for modern languages. However, there are two main concerns remaining: First, there was concern that LAS would not be able to guarantee staffing of the courses every year, in which case some students could begin the sequence with 101-102 but then not be able to complete the sequence. Second, the comparison was made to languages that are taught in MLL, which have several layers of oversight including class visits by other faculty, all intended to share suggestions and ensure consistency in the quality of those courses.

Magali Compan (Modern Languages and Literatures) noted that there was a report on lesser-taught languages from an ad hoc committee formed by Dean Conley in 2018. She will try to obtain the report and forward it to the rest of EPC.

Dean Donahue (Educational Policy) will speak with Dean Donoghue-Velleca (A&S) to consider staffing concerns and gauge her opinion on the issues raised by EPC.

Sallie Marchello (Registrar) mentioned that the catalog description for the Foreign Language Proficiency appears to imply that any language course at the 202-203 level will satisfy the FLP. This would include LAS 202 by default. EPC will consider whether the intent is only to include “approved” languages at the 202-203 level, and if so to tighten the catalog language.