

**EPC Meeting
February 4, 2022**

In attendance: Annie Blazer, Ben Boone, Susan Bosworth, Candice Benjes-Small, Magali Compan, Jim Deverick, Josh Erlich, Larry Evans, M. Brennan Harris, Matt Haug, Sallie Marchello, Christy Porter, Denise Ridley-Johnston, Cory Springer, Kristin Wustholz (chair)

1. Approval of the January 28, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Consent calendar

COLL ENSP GIS - 100 - Mapping for Community Nature Rx

COLL 100

The consent calendar was approved.

3. Other proposals

PSYC - 470 - Understanding the Partisan Divide: Insights from Political Psychology

COLL 300

Some committee members voiced concern that the course as revised does not include enough material from perspectives beyond the U.S. to satisfy the COLL 300 learning objectives. There was agreement that the visitors component was improved with this revision. Some expressed that the course would better fit as a COLL 200; some were ready to approve the course as revised. Kristin will talk again with the instructor.

This brought up concerns about the program in D.C. and their attempt to have all their courses be COLL 300 or COLL 350. Ben suggested that this was to improve enrollment for the program, and committee members were concerned that courses that do not easily fit COLL 300 or COLL 350 were being shoehorned into these designation. Kristin will reach out to Erin and Roxanne to discuss the issue.

UREG Department - N/A

Curriculum Change

The committee continued its discussion of the proposal for a CONS concentration within the Interdisciplinary Studies major. In response to EPC feedback, the revised proposal has removed the required summer internship requirement. The revised proposal allows students to meet the required research component through multiple means, alleviating the need to cap the program. In a straw poll, the committee seemed willing to approve the program as revised.

The Dean's office is working on the issue of professional faculty at the IIC teaching courses required for an A&S major. The program proposal is tabled until this issue can be resolved.

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