EPC Meeting Minutes December 7, 2022

In attendance: Kristin Wusltholz, Sally Marchello, Larry Evans, Magali Compan, Michael Cronin, Brennan Harris, Oliver Kerscher, Denise Ridley-Johnston, Ben Boone, Christy Porter, Annie Blazer, Jim Deverick, Cory Springer, Max Berckmueller, Candice Benjes-Small, Jim Barber, Nivedha Vaidy, Vladimir Atanasov 18 in total

Introduction

Restriction preventing first-year faculty from teaching classes in the COLL curriculum applies only to COLL 100/150. EPC does not need to take any action to allow first-year faculty to teach other COLL classes. General discussion about setting academic standards about the internship experience and EPC involvement in the process.

1. Approval of the November 30 minutes.

Meetings approved by unanimous consent.

2. Consent calendar

HIST - 212 - Indigenous Sovereignty and Sustainability in Aotearoa Course change Delinking Approved without further comments or questions.

3. Other proposals

3.1. HISP LAS - 260 - Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics / Introducción a la lingüística hispánica, COLL 200, CSI>ALV, NQR

EPC reached out to the instructor to get clarification regarding logistical issues (credit hours, co-requisite, and cross-listing), but has not heard back from the instructor.

3.2. ANTH - 330 - Introduction to the Maori World, New Course

Input from Dean's office that the course is taught by non-WM faculty during study abroad. Lots of issues that need to be determined in the next 2-3 years. Proposal will be rejected with commentary.

3.3. RELG - 481 and 482 - Independent Study in Religion

Requested 4 credits for an independent study. We have independent studies with variable credits chosen by students when they register. Proposal to have faculty being able to determine the credits in advance. In Chemistry there is a form that explains the requirements for number of credits (1 to 3), which is signed by both student and faculty advisor. No such infrastructure in Religious Studies. Expect general scrutiny on credit hours from accreditation authorities, and we may need to put more structure how credits are awarded. This issue fits with the internship discussions. Ok to pause till next week and receive feedback from Religious Studies. Proposal to defer to February 2023 for a broader solution.

4. New Business

Scheduling for next semester. Options: Monday/Friday 9 a.m., Monday at 1 p.m., or Friday at 1. Mondays at 1 p.m. got the most support. Tentatively pencil that slot for next semester.

Will receive input from the Law School on an ongoing matter.

Question when will the meeting next semester be held. Answer: the first meeting will be held on the Monday of the week when classes start.

Request for next semester to consider a sub-committee for COLL 300. There are sub-committees for all other COLL courses. Lots of discussion on COLL 300 proposals. A sub-committee can help homogenize proposals. Concern to manage workload of EPC members. Can pull from non-EPC faculty to resolve that issue. Still EPC leadership is necessary. Sub-committee work may not be easily recognized officially. Proposal that the CLA fellows play a more active role considering the fact that they are compensated and CLA as an institution that may be better suited to resolve COLL 300 issues.

Meeting adjourned.