

International Studies Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee
16 March 2006

Present: Koloski (chair), Feldman, Peterson, Heacox, Eisele, Blouet, Abegaz, Biggs, Kuhagen.

Meeting called to order at 4:45pm.

- I. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.
- II. Changes to International Studies programs for 2006-2007
 - a. **African Studies: The changes proposed by Brad Weiss, chair of the African Studies CFAC, were approved unanimously.**
 - b. East Asian Studies
 - i. Points of clarification: Name changes for language courses (“upper intermediate” and “advanced”) were already approved by EPC. Econ. 480 (East Asian Development) is no longer offered, and should be removed from lines 10-11.
 - ii. **Changes to East Asian Studies program proposed by Rachel DiNitto, co-chair of the EAS CFAC, were approved unanimously.**
 - c. Latin American Studies
 - i. Point of clarification: Econ. 484 is no longer topics and development, it’s macroeconomics and growth. Will need to be removed from line 11.
 - ii. Committee had difficulty in figuring out what changes were to be made. With no accompanying rationale, the committee debated whether changes were just for housekeeping purposes or if they were more substantive changes to the program. Committee was also concerned about lines 1-2, for which students are required to take both anthropology courses listed. To meet this requirement, students must be assured that both courses are taught annually; do we have guarantees of this?
 - iii. **Koloski will contact Latin American Studies CFAC chair to request clarification of points. Resubmission of changes will be voted on by email.** [Following the re-submission of materials, ISCAPC members unanimously voted—by e-mail—to approve the changes.]
 - d. Changing *International Studies* to *Global Studies*: consideration of proposal from IS CFAC chairs (submitted by Tony Anemone)
 - i. Points of clarification: One committee member noted that the proposed acronym (GLST) could be easily mistaken to mean “Gay and Lesbian Studies.” The committee discussed possible alternatives to GLST, including GBST, GLOB, and GLBL. Others noted that changing the name of this program would require changes at the Registrar’s office as well. Since only 6-7 courses are involved, however, this wouldn’t seem to be a major problem.
 - ii. Committee discussed where IR and IS/GS would appear in the catalog. Abegaz circulated a draft catalog entry for International Studies (including IR and IS/GS) analogous to the current entry for Interdisciplinary Studies. After some discussion, committee members decided such an entry was unnecessary, but agreed that the Reves Center and its overseas studies programs should be mentioned prominently elsewhere in the undergraduate catalog.

- iii. Discussion of name change: *Global Studies* instead of *International Studies*. Some committee members objected to the broad nature of the term “Global Studies.” Were W&M to develop a program in “Irish Studies,” for example, it would fall under Global Studies but have little to do with the world as a whole. Some favored the term “Regional Studies.” Others pointed out that “Global Studies” implies the study of regions in their global contexts, and thus is not limited to “regional” studies (Regional Studies advocates felt this is implied in the term). Some committee members favored “Area Studies,” which is still in use at other institutions, even if associated with the Cold War. Others objected, however, saying “Area Studies” is now quite an archaic term that is associated with an outdated academic approach to studying various parts of the world. Another potential problem with Global Studies is its use in international relations to denote the “soft side” of IR—culture, communications, transnational relations, etc.; this may lead to confusion. A final concern was whether CFAC chairs had approved the name change on their own or whether they had consulted with all CFAC members.
- iv. **Committee members agreed not to vote on the name change now. The matter will be sent back to CFAC chairs, with a possible ISCAPC vote by email.** [In an e-mail vote, 6 committee members voted in favor of the change; 2 voted against. EPC approved the change at its early April meeting.]
- v. Catalog language for Global Studies (or whatever term is approved): Committee members pointed out small changes that will need to be made to the catalog (in addition to those submitted by Anemone). **Koloski will make corrections to the catalog entry.**

III. DiPaola Syllabus for Florence Program

- a. Points of clarification: DiPaola was previously approved as director of Florence program, but committee declined to approve syllabus for his proposed course due to lack of site specificity. New syllabus included suggested readings pertinent to Florence, but there are not mentioned elsewhere in the syllabus.
- b. **Committee agreed to approve syllabus contingent upon closer integration of suggested and/or additional site-specific readings and course topics/assignments.**

Consideration of assessment documents to be taken up at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Kuhagen