

Curriculum Committee

Minutes of the October 11, 2019 meeting

Present: Kathleen Campbell, Jane Carlin, Julie Christoph, Lynnette Claire, Gary McCall, Jake Price, Brad Reich, Maria Sampen, Oscar Secrist, Jonathan Stockdale, Jeff Tepper, Courtney Thatcher

1. Meeting called to order at 3:35pm by Brad Reich.
2. M/S/P motion to approve 9/20/19 meeting minutes.
3. Associate Dean Christoph reminded everyone to send minutes to facultycoms@pugetsound.edu after the minutes have been approved so that they may be archived and distributed.
4. M/S/P motion to approve 10/11/19 meeting minutes.
5. The working groups presented their recommendations. The working groups will provide feedback to the submitters as needed.
6. Working Group A
 - a. M/S/P approval of Religion 202 Introduction to the Study of World Religions for KNOW.
 - b. M/S/P approval of Music 321 Music of South Asia for Artistic Approaches and KNOW, pending syllabus change to mention KNOW requirement fulfillment in the syllabus.
 - c. M/S/P approval of AFAM 320 Race, Power and Privilege for Humanistic Core, with suggestions to consider the prerequisites on a core class. However, this does not affect its recommendation for approval in the core.
7. Working Group B
 - a. Discussed providing feedback and asking for revisions to SSI2 127 Hip Hop Philosophy by Tuesday morning. Working Group B will provide a recommendation to the Curriculum Committee for e-mail approval by Tuesday.
 - b. M/S/P approval of SSI2 125 Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, pending re-casting learning goals as outcomes and asking what the purpose of dividing groups into A and B.
 - c. Discussed providing feedback to the faculty member and highlight issues on SSI2 129 Religion on the Border by Tuesday morning. Working Group B will provide a recommendation to the Curriculum Committee for e-mail approval by Tuesday.
 - d. M/S/P approval of SSI2 Gender and Business.
8. Working Group C evaluated three Special Interdisciplinary Major requests, all in Gender and Queer Studies. The working group has concerned about the overlap with existing majors for two out of the three students.
 - a. M/S/P approval of Michelle Kofman's request (she proposed a unique set of courses).
 - b. Working group C will further examine Dana Levy (English major – 5 courses not part of English major) and Olivia Natrass' (AfAm major – 4 courses not part of AfAm major) proposals. Both students could fulfill their desires by minoring in GQS with existing majors.
9. No new business.
10. Each working group has a 7-year review. The SSI approvals are higher priority.
11. M/S/P to adjourn at 4:25pm

Minutes submitted by Lynnette Claire

Addendum 1: This reflect committee voting and related communication occurring via email on 10/16/19.

Working Group A:

(From Jonathan Stockdale): Jake Price and Jeff Tepper and I have exchanged emails, following my email exchange with Professor Wind Woods, and we now feel that his course proposal a) answers our questions, and b) fulfills the criteria for a new SSI course which also fulfills the KNOW rubric.

We therefore would like to “motion” to the full committee that Professor Woods’ course “Hip Hop Philosophy” be approved as an SSI2 + KNOW course. Brad Reich seconded.

Motion approved by all respondents.

Working Group B:

Jake Price and I (Lynnette Claire) have received an updated cover letter and syllabus from Sam Kigar for his SSI2 129 Religion on the Border. His cover letter and syllabus address the concerns we raised and fulfills the criteria for a new SSI2 course. We “motion” to approve SSI2 129 Religion on the Border as an SSI2 course. Brad Reich seconded.

Motion approved by all respondents.

From Working Group C:

SSI2 130 Personal Finance: The cover letter does not fully address how the course fulfills the learning objectives of the course, but we think that the course itself does. We motion approving the course, pending inclusion of the academic integrity and student bereavement leave language. We suspect that the course was not intended as a KNOW proposal, as no cover letter for that was attached and the course content does not seem related. We do not recommend approving it as a KNOW course. We will correspond with Professor Kapalczynski about the missing syllabus inserts. Brad Reich seconded.

Motion approved by all respondents.

SSI2 137 Stakeholder Management: We do not recommend approval at this time, as there is no cover letter, and there is not yet enough information in the daily outline to let us assess how the course fulfills the SSI2 rubric. The syllabus also needs to include the student bereavement leave language. We also have some questions about offering points for attendance. Though we think it could be useful to include some percentage based on work that students do in peer review, mere attendance doesn’t ensure that they do that important work. We encourage assessing participation based on some kind of deliverables (e.g. comments on peers’ work, contributions to class discussion, etc.). We will correspond with Professor Udbye. **There is no motion pending.**

Addendum 2: This reflect committee voting and related communication occurring via email on 10/24/19.

From Working Group C:

SSI2 137 Stakeholder Management: Professor Udbye made revisions and resubmitted his proposal. On behalf of Working Group C, Jenny Pit motioned for approval. Brad Reich seconded the motion.

Motion approved by all respondents.

Minutes approved by Curriculum Committee 11/22/19