

Curriculum Committee Minutes - February 21, 2020

Members in Attendance: Brad Reich, Kathleen Campbell, Elena Staver, Jacob Price, Julie Christoph, Jenny Pitonyak, Courtney Thatcher, Jonathan Stockdale, Jeff Tepper, Lynnette Claire, Gary McCall, Oscar Secrist

- The minutes of the 2/7/20 meeting were discussed.
 - A few minor corrections were requested.
 - These corrections were made and the minutes were approved.
- Yvonne Swinth spoke with the committee on the curriculum proposal for the Occupational Therapy Doctoral (OTD) Program
 - The Representative Assembly of the American Occupational Therapy Association voted to support entry level education at the master's or doctoral level for occupational therapists.
 - The entry level masters program will remain available to students.
 - Many employers do not distinguish between the degrees.
 - A doctorate provides access to leadership positions in the field.
 - This necessitates only small tweaks to curriculum because the Master's degree already met most doctoral standards
 - Exception: 14-week capstone and courses leading up to it, included in the proposal.
 - We discussed the 3-2 program for the OT Masters degree offered at Puget Sound.
 - Concern was expressed over 3-2 programs in general and a failure of communication on the feasibility of these degrees for specific majors.
 - Jake Price moved (and Lynnette Claire seconded) to recommend approval of the new OTD program and the updated MSOT curriculum.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Working Group C
 - ARTS 101: Visual Concepts (for Artistic Approaches), ENGL 357: City as Text (for Artistic Approaches in Spring 2021 Pac Rim program), SSI1 169: Cancer in Context, and SSI1 146: The Good Life
 - Brad Reich moved to approve all the above courses and specific designations. It was seconded by Jeff Tepper.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Working Group A
 - SSI1 194: Technologies of Power
 - Courtney Thatcher moved to approve this course, Brad Reich seconded.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - HIST 361: United States and the War(s) in Vietnam (for Humanistic Approaches, Spring 2021 Pac Rim)
 - Some changes were necessary before approval, so the working group was directed to contact the submitter.

- SOAN 222: Southeast Asia (KNOW)
 - Some discussion over whether KNOW requirements **must** be referenced in the syllabus and not just the cover letter.
 - This would make judging proposals easier for the committee.
 - However, this is not required in the current language so we will consider advising those submitting for KNOW approval to do this but will not make it a requirement for approval.
 - Courtney Thatcher moved to approve that this course be designated as KNOW. It was seconded by Elena Staver
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- MUSC 234: Intro to Ethnomusicology (for Artistic Approaches and KNOW)
 - Courtney Thatcher moved to approve the course for these designations. Brad Reich seconded.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- PG 345: Intersectionality as Theory and Method (KNOW)
 - The submitter requested that the course retroactively count as KNOW for this semester
 - We checked, and all students currently enrolled in the class already have satisfied the KNOW requirement, so this is not necessary.
 - Brad Reich moved to approve PG 345 to satisfy KNOW requirement starting Fall 2020. Jeff Tepper seconded.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Working Group B
 - SSI1 157: The Russian Revolution and SSI1 168: Climate Change and the Law
 - Lynnette Claire moved to approve these courses, Elena Staver seconded.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - CLSC 101: Introduction to Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (for Humanistic Approaches)
 - Syllabus is missing language regarding Humanistic Core.
 - Working Group will contact the submitter to make sure all necessary text is included.
 - SSI1 155: Are Prisons Necessary?
 - Syllabus is missing some expectations for SSI1 courses.
 - Working Group will contact the submitter to make sure all necessary text is included.
- We discussed how course submitters learn about approval in order to decide what Working Group members should say when reaching out to request minor alterations to syllabi.

- Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm

These minutes submitted by Jake Price