

Curriculum Committee
Minutes
March 3, 2014

Members Present: Rich Anderson-Connolly, Bill Beardsley, James Bernhard, Luc Boisvert, Jane Carlin, Jim Evans, Sara Freeman, Lisa Johnson (Chair), Alan Krause, Paul Loeb, Tim Pogar (student), Brett Rogers, Mike Spivey, Brad Tomhave (Registrar), Lisa Tucker (student), Linda Williams.

1. Call to Order :

The meeting was called to order by its chair at 4:00

2. Remarks from the Chair:

The Chair noted changes to the agenda: Issues of the nine-course major limit, summer school and discussion of the differences between minor and “emphases” are moved to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

3. Approval of Minutes:

M/S/P that the minutes of February 24 be approved as corrected.

4. Working Group Reports:

Groups 3 and 4 continue to work on their assigned tasks.

Group 1: Freeman reported that the group recommends approval of Politics and Government 309 Applied Environmental Politics and Agenda Setting as part of the Southwest Semester.

M/S/P that Politics and Government 309 Applied Environmental Politics and Agenda Setting be approved as part of the Southwest Semester.

Group 5: Spivey, on behalf the hard working working group, reported that the group recommends that Art 101 3D Design be approved as a course in the Artistic Approaches Core.

M/S/P that Art 101 3D Design be approved as a course in the Artistic Approaches Core.

Spivey further reported that the group recommends that Art 147 History of Ceramics be approved as a course in the Artistic Approaches Core.

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He also reported that the groups recommends that History 224 Russia since 1861 be approved as a course in the Humanistic Approaches Core.

M/S/P that History 224 Russia since 1861 be approved as a course in the Humanistic Approaches Core.

Spivey then reported that after careful review the group recommends approval of the five year curricular review of the Department on International Political Economy. He noted that the Department had responded to all of the working groups questions.

M/S/P that the Committee approve the five year curricular review of the Department on International Political Economy.

Spivey then returned to discussion of the five-year curricular review of the Department of English and reported that in response to the group's request for further clarification and justification of the proposed prerequisite structure for upper level courses the Department has decided that nonmajors seeking entrance to 300 and 400 level courses need only have upper-division standing or permission of the instructors while those students majoring in English will be required to complete two courses at the 200 level to register for courses at the 300 level and two courses at the 300 level to register for courses at the 400 level. Discussion again focused on the possible impact of this requirement on the ability of students to utilize English courses in the upper-division graduation requirement. It was generally agreed that the new proposal alleviated the Committee's concerns.

M/S/P that the Committee approve the five-year curricular review of the Department of English.

5. Final Academic Calendar for 2014-2015

Tomhave presented the final version of the Calendar for 2014-2015.

M/S/P that the Committee approve the Academic Calendar for 2014-2015.

6. Update on Senate Charge d, regarding possible changes to the Curricular review questions to Graduate Programs.

Anderson-Connolly shared some of the results of a survey of graduate program directors conducted by his sub-committee. Discussion of these results and possible wording of changes to the questions was intended to provide feedback to the subcommittee as it continues its consideration of this issue.

7. Update on the proposed "Curriculum Impact Statement" for proposed new programs and "emphases."

Anderson-Connolly distributed and discussed a rough draft of a possible "Curriculum Impact Statement" Discussion focused on such issues as whether the this draft statement went too far and would in fact discourage the development of new programs and whether that was in fact desirable. At issue were clauses that made clear that proposers bear the burden of showing that a proposed new program is necessary to correct some inadequacy in current offerings. Wording changes were suggested. The sub-committee will continue to work on the CIS.

8. M/S/P that the Committee adjourn at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Beardsley