

**Curriculum Committee Minutes  
November 18, 1998**

**Present:** Barnett, Bruce, Cannon, Grunberg, Hooper, Kirkpatrick, Kline, Livingston, Mehlhaff (Chair), Pinzino, Stevens, Sugimoto, Warning, Heavner, Bartanen, Tomhave, Washburn  
**Absent:** Goleeke, Proehl

At 5:05 p.m. Mehlhaff started the meeting.

*Minutes.* **Kirkpatrick M/S/P to approve the minutes for the meeting of 4 November 1998 as on the web.**

*Announcements.*

Mehlhaff announced that the completed **Core Assessment Plan** approved at the last meeting has now gone to the Faculty Senate.

Mehlhaff stated that the press of business necessitates this meeting, as well as the meeting scheduled for 2 December; the committee likely also will have to meet on 9 December. Mehlhaff requested that relevant subcommittees move ahead with departmental or core reviews by 2 December.

*Subcommittees.*

**HUMANISTIC PERSPECTIVE.** Bartanen reported for Goleeke that the subcommittee had considered for ongoing inclusion in the HU core Philosophy 107 - Making Choices about the Environment: An Introduction to Philosophy. The course, taught by Heather Douglas, new to the faculty this fall, received approval in the HU core as "Making Choices about the Environment: A Freshman Seminar" for 1998-99, "with ongoing approval upon submission of the full syllabus to the Curriculum Committee by February 1999" (Curriculum Committee minutes for 30 April 1998).

**ACTION: Kline M/S/P approval of Philosophy 107 - Making Choices about the Environment: An Introduction to Philosophy for ongoing inclusion in the Humanistic Perspective core.** Note: This motion passed with one ABSTENTION.

In discussion Cannon affirmed that this is an introductory course and that as a 100-level course it does not count for the major in Philosophy. Barnett inquired about the previous subtitle, "**A Freshman Seminar.**" Committee members assume that the likely intention of the current submission is to retain this designation; Washburn will affirm this point.

**COMPARATIVE VALUES-I.**

(1) Hooper reported on the subcommittee's consideration of Humanities 307 - Shanghai and Tokyo in the 1920s. The subcommittee met "virtually," and the feedback was "unanimously positive." This course, taught by Suzanne Barnett, will be in the Asian Studies curriculum as Humanities 307.

**ACTION: Hooper M/S/P that we accept Humanities 307 - Shanghai and Tokyo in the 1920s for the Comparative Values core.** Note: This motion passed with one ABSTENTION (Barnett).

(2) Hooper next reported on the subcommittee's consideration of History 344 - The Chinese Frontier Experience in Comparative Perspective, 1600-1960, proposed for "one-time-only" in 1999-2000. Hooper praised the course as "excellent yet ambitious" and said that the proposal does a good job of showing that a general student would find the course accessible. This course will be in the Asian Studies curriculum as History 344.

**ACTION: Hooper M/S/P that we approve History 344 - The Chinese Frontier in Comparative Perspective, 1600-1960 as a one-time-only Comparative Values core course in 1999-2000.**

In discussion Washburn explained that the phrase "one-time-only," a check-off option on the course proposal form, actually means, as a rule, "one-year-only"; a one-time-only course is limited to a given academic year but not necessarily to only one offering. Mehlhaff and others wondered why this course has the "one-time" limitation, and Barnett explained that the course is instructor specific and that the instructor has a Visiting faculty appointment.

(3) Hooper next reported on the subcommittee's consideration of Religion 340 - Reflection and Juxtaposition of Asian Texts, proposed by Elisabeth Benard as a one-time-only course for the 1999-2000 curriculum of the Pacific Rim/Asia Study-Travel (PRAST) Program. Hooper commended this proposal, along with the two others, as clearly stating the course's connection with the CV core guidelines. In response to Stevens's inquiry about the departmental designation, Barnett explained that religion is the discipline of the instructor, who is the current Director of the PRAST program and whose faculty appointment is in the Asian Studies Program.

**ACTION: Hooper M/S/P that we approve Religion 340 - Reflection and Juxtaposition of Asian Texts as a one-time-only Comparative Values core course in 1999-2000.**

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY. Bruce distributed a memorandum summarizing the program and the subcommittee's assessment; the subcommittee felt unanimously that the review package was very thorough in covering all parts of the curriculum self-study. The changes in the program include a change in name from "Political Economy Program" to "International Political Economy Program" and the addition of a new course, PLEC [IPE] 311 - The Political Economy of Third World Development. Bruce relayed that staffing courses in the program, as in all interdisciplinary programs, is a continuing problem; and she commended the effort of faculty in the program to identify criteria for judging senior theses. Bruce said that the subcommittee "unanimously recommended approval" of the review package.

**ACTION: Bruce M/S/P approval of the International Political Economy Program as presented in the five-year report.**

In discussion committee members noted that the number of units in the major will decrease by one because of the truncation of Economics 175 and 176 into one course, Economics 170, as part of the five-year curricular review of the Department of Economics (Curriculum Committee minutes for 28 October 1998).

**At 5:40 p.m. Stevens M/S/P that we adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne W. Barnett  
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