MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2018, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Location: Gardiner Hall 230
Present: Matt Church, Christine Ehrick, Jennifer Mansfield-Jones, Maryam Moazzen, Dwain Pruitt, Regina Roebuck, Jake Wildstrom
Absent: Karen Christopher

The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM.

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of its October 12, 2018, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

067-18F: The committee APPROVED the Department of Geography and Geosciences’ request that GEOS 360, “Global Environmental Change,” receive a REL (sustainability-related) Sustainability Course Attribute Value.

068-18F: The committee APPROVED removing “consent of the instructor” as a course prerequisite for GEOS 570. The course’s new prerequisite will be GEOG 558.

069-18F: The committee APPROVED removing “consent of the instructor” as a course prerequisite for GEOS 571. The course’s new prerequisite will be GEOG 558.

070-18F: The committee APPROVED the creation of PEAC 201, “Peace and Conflict: For Daily Life, Civic Affairs, and Professional Life Ahead.” This course was proposed for SBD2 credit under Cardinal Core and was transmitted to the Cardinal Core Curriculum Committee (CCCC) for its review.

071-18F: The committee DEFERRED approval of the creation of PHIL 208, “Science Fiction and Philosophy,” pending submission of a revised syllabus that offers a more complete course schedule and a fuller explanation of how students will engage with the assigned course readings. This course was proposed for AH under Cardinal Core and was returned to the Department of Philosophy for revision and resubmission.

072-18F: The committee APPROVED the creation of PHIL 209, “The Good Life.” PHIL 209 was proposed for AH under Cardinal Core and has been forwarded to the CCCC for its review and approval.

073-18F: The committee APPROVED changing the prerequisite for PHIL 308, “Social and Political Philosophy.” The current prerequisite, “junior standing or faculty consent,” has been removed. Going forward, the course will not have a prerequisite.

074-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 317, “The Nature of Violence.”

075-18F: The committee DEFERRED approval of the creation of PHIL 325, “Feminist Medical Ethics,” pending clarification of how the instructor will implement the course’s proposed in-class test policy. The syllabus indicates that the course features two in-class examinations, each worth 20% of the final course grade. The instructor writes “Failure to pass both of the tests will result in an automatic failure of the course.” The committee would like clarification of how the instructor defines a passing grade and recommends that this be explicitly defined in the course syllabus to remove any ambiguity.

076-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 330, “Introduction to Applied Philosophy.”
077-18F: The committee DEFERRED approval of PHIL 358, “Mind and Brain,” pending submission of a revised syllabus with a fully-developed weekly schedule, approximate due dates for assigned papers, and that includes the required Title IX statement.

078-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 522, “Virtue Ethics.”

079-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 523, “Selected Topics in Applied Philosophy.”

080-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 524, “Philosophies of Peace.”

081-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 623, “Selected Topics in Applied Philosophy.”

082-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of PHIL 624, “Philosophies of Peace.”

083-18F: The committee APPROVED changing HUM 306’s title from “Survey of Islamic Thought and Culture” and “Survey of Islamic Thought, Religion, and Culture.”

084-18F: The committee APPROVED changing the title and description for HUM 319. The course’s new title will be “Survey of Christian Thought, Religion, and Culture.” The new course description will read “An historical survey of Christian religious, cultural, social, intellectual, and political experience.”

085-18F: The committee APPROVED changing the title and description for HUM 336. The course’s new title will be “Indigenous Religions of America.” The new course description will read “A survey of the universal aspects of Native American religions, cosmologies and practices from prior to European contact to the present day.”

086-18F: The committee APPROVED changing the description for HUM 342, “Eastern Mysticism.” The new description will read “An overview of eastern mysticism through a close reading of significant primary texts from Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, and Daoist mystical traditions in the light of perennial and contextual theoretical frameworks and current critical scholarship.”

087-18F: The committee DEFERRED approval of POLS 380, “Global Politics Through Film,” pending submission of a revised course syllabus with a standalone course learning objectives section and the inclusion of a course grade scale.

088-18F: The committee APPROVED the deletion of ART 407, “Art Education (Elementary and Middle School).”

089-18F and 090-18F: The committee APPROVED changing ART 585’s course description and the department’s request that the course repeats be limited to a maximum of 6 hours. The new description will read: “An introduction to traditional and non-traditional book arts with focus on the construction of traditional book forms such as folded bindings, Japanese stab bindings and portfolios, as well as types of multi-signature bindings. Emphasis will be placed on the book as an art form incorporating concept, design, content, and craft.”

091-18F: The committee DENIED the Department of Geography and Geosciences’ request that GEOG 524, currently entitled “Food and Race,” be renamed “Geographies of Racial Conflict in the United States.” The committee believes that the “Geographies of Racial Conflict in the United States” is substantially different from “Food and Race” and that, therefore, the former needs to be proposed as a new course.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGENDA

1) Approval of Minutes of August 31, 2018, Meeting
2) New Business (available on the Curriculum Committee’s Sharepoint site)
   - 026-18F: Addition of WGST 508, “Queer Performance”
   - 027-18F: Addition of WGST 608, “Queer Performance”
   - 028-18F: Addition of HUM 608, “Queer Performance”
   - 029-18F: Proposed changes to the MEIS minor (two new Social Science electives)
   - 031-18F: Change to PHYS 222, “Fundamentals of Physics II-S” (prerequisite)
   - 032-18F: Change to PHYS 298, “Introductory Mechanics, Heat and Sound-S” (prerequisite)
   - 033-18F: Change to PHYS 299, “Introductory Electricity, Magnetism, and Light” (prerequisite)
   - 034-18F: Change to PHYS 307, “Introductory Stellar Astrophysics” (prerequisite)
   - 035-18F: Change to PHYS 350, “Differential Equations for the Physical Sciences” (prerequisite)
   - 036-18F: Change to PHYS 360, “Introduction to Weather Analysis” (prerequisite)
   - 037-18F: Change to PHYS 361, “Atmospheric Thermodynamics” (prerequisite)
   - 038-18F: Change to PHYS 390, “Introductory Computational Physics” (prerequisite)
   - 039-18F: Change to PHYS 450, “Introductory Mathematical Physics” (prerequisite)
   - 040-18F: Change to PHYS 507, “Solar System Astronomy” (prerequisite)
   - 041-18F: Change to PHYS 530, “Thermal Physics” (prerequisite)
   - 042-18F: Change to PHYS 541, “Electromagnetic Fields” (prerequisite)
   - 043-18F: Change to PHYS 555, “Elementary Quantum Mechanics” (prerequisite)
   - 044-18F: Change to PHYS 561, “Mathematical Physics I” (prerequisite)
   - 045-18F: Change to PHYS 562, “Mathematical Physics II” (prerequisite)
   - 046-18F: Change to PHYS 589, “General Relativity” (prerequisite)
   - 047-18F: Change to PHYS 590, “Astrophysics” (prerequisites)
   - 048-18F: Proposed changes to the BS in Theatre Arts
   - 049-18F: Proposed changes to the minor in Theatre Arts
   - 050-18F: Change to TA 240, “Stagecraft I” (title)
   - 051-18F: Deletion of TA 241, “Stagecraft II”
• 052-18F: Addition of TA 245, “Costume Construction”
• 053-18F: Deletion of TA 320, “Acting I”
• 054-18F: Deletion of TA 321, “Acting II”
• 056-18F: Change to TA 350, “Theatre Performance and Production” (title, credit hours)
• 057-18F: Change to TA 360, “Classical to Medieval Theatre History” (title)
• 058-18F: Change to TA 361, “Renaissance to Romantic Theatre History” (title, prerequisite)
• 059-18F: Change to TA 362, “Modern and Contemporary Theatre History” (title)
• 060-18F: Deletion of TA 371, “Script Analysis”
• 061-18F: Addition of TA 433, “Fundamentals of Stage and Production Management”
• 062-18F: Addition of TA 460, “Black Diasporic Conversations Seminar”
• 065-18F: Change to CJ 522, “Serial Murder” (title, description)
• 066-18F: Addition of ANTH 380, “Ice Age People: Colonization of the Americas” (proposed for SBH credit in Cardinal Core)

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