

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2014, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Location: Gardiner Hall 340

Present: Simona Bertacco, Matt Church, Humberto Rodriguez Gutierrez, Changbing Hu, Dwain Pruitt, Christopher Tillquist, Wendy Yoder

Absent: Haifeng Zhang

Guest: Judith Danovitch

The meeting was convened at 12:30 PM.

The minutes of the September 19, 2014, meeting were approved without correction.

OLD BUSINESS:

18-14F: Dr. Judith Danovitch met with the Curriculum Committee to discuss concerns about the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences' proposed PSYC 410 course raised at the September 19th meeting. Prior to the meeting, Dr. Danovitch had submitted a revised syllabus and provided additional documentation concerning her plans for the course. The committee **approved** PSYC 410 as a new course and as a CUE course.

14-14F: The Department of Communication provided clarification of its proposed prerequisites for COMM 319, indicating that it only wants to include COMM courses that satisfy the OC general education requirement as prerequisites for COMM 319. The committee **approved** the proposed changes to COMM 319.

19-14F and **20-14F:** The committee **approved** the Department of Sociology's request that SOC 401 and SOC 550 be designated as CBL courses.

NEW BUSINESS:

21-14F: The committee **approved** the Department of Mathematics' proposed description change for MATH 673.

22-14F: The committee **deferred** decision on the Peace, Justice and Conflict Transformation program's proposed addition of ART 590 and COMM 301 as program electives. Concern was voiced that both courses are special topics classes whose topics vary from semester to semester while PJCT is proposing to that they may be used for students in the certificate program only when they are offered as "Art, Thinking and Social Change" and "Native Americans and Community Engagement," respectively. The committee suggested that the program's existing language—"Special Topics courses may qualify as electives with the approval of both the individual department and the Peace Studies Program Director"—is adequate to allow PJCT students to use these courses as program electives.

23-14F: The committee **approved** WGST 202 as a new course and endorses the department's efforts to have it included as both an A and a CD2 option in the general education program. The committee recommended a line edit in the proposed description to correct an inadvertent subject-verb error. The course is being forwarded to the General Education Curriculum Committee for its review.

24-14F: The committee reviewed the Department of English's proposal to create a CW designation for its creative writing courses that would, among other things, allow English majors to minor in Creative Writing.

The committee as a body was sympathetic to the department's effort, but its opinion was that the proposal as written would be in conflict with the College's rules as written on pages 177-178 of the current University catalog under the heading "Requirements for Minors (emphasis added):"

"The course work requirements for a minor consist of a minimum of 18 semester hours. A maximum of 3 hours of pass-fail work may be applied. Students may elect a major and a minor in the same department **only if there is more than one degree program in that department and if the major and minor are in two different programs of the department."**

The committee wishes to meet with a departmental representative to discuss this proposal further.

The committee agreed that its next meeting will be on October 10, 2014, to begin working on the significant number of items that have been submitted for its review and approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences
Curriculum Committee
October 3, 2014
12:30-2:00 PM
Gardiner Hall 340

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2014, Meeting (attached)
- 2) Old Business
 - 18-14F: PSYC 410—CUE and CBL
 - 14-14F: COMM 319—Clarification of change in course prerequisites
 - 19-14F: SOC 401—CBL designation (from Spring 2014)
 - 20-14F: SOC 550—CBL designation (from Spring 2014)
- 3) New Business (attached)
 - 21-14F: MATH 673—Description change
 - 22-14F: Proposed new elective options in PJCT certificate program
 - 23-14F: Add WGST 202—Proposed new General Education course ACD2
 - 24-14F: Proposal from English to create a new CW catalogue designation for Creative Writing courses