

## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2014, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

**Location:** Shumaker Research Building 340

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

**Guests:** Jonetta Weber (Sociology); Ying Kit Chan (Fine Arts); James Lauroesch (Physics)

The meeting was convened at 10:00 AM.

The minutes of the November 21, 2014, meeting were approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**138-14F:** Dr. Jonetta Weber presented language clarifying how the Department of Sociology's Ph.D. program would deal with students whose poor academic performance resulted in them being unqualified to sit for comprehensive examinations. The departmental policy has been amended to read:

“Upon completion of all course work, students will prepare for comprehensive exams. Students may not take comprehensive exams if they have (a) **any courses in which they have earned B- or below**, or (b) any incomplete or deferred grades remaining in course work (with the exception of deferred grades in internship and/or dissertation research hours). **Students who have not earned the minimum grade needed in a course must repeat it; students may repeat a course only once and may repeat no more than two courses. Students who do not earn the minimum grade needed on the second attempt will be dismissed from the program.**”

The committee **APPROVED** the revised language.

Dr. Ying Kit Chan appeared before the committee to address several proposed new courses and proposed curricular changes in Fine Art's undergraduate major and minor and its MFA program. Dr. Chan explained that all of the proposed courses, with the exception of ART 372, had been previously offered as special topics courses. The department is seeking to make these standard offerings to support the recently-approved MFA program.

**145-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 372, “Creativity in Advertising,” pending the submission of a revised syllabus that including a course grading scheme.

**146-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 612, “Professional Practice in Glass,” pending the submission of a revised syllabus that includes a course schedule.

**147-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the proposed description and prerequisite changes for ART 691.

**148-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 693, “MFA Seminar I,” pending the submission of a revised syllabus that provides a list of core semester readings.

**149-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 696, “Teaching Internship I,” pending the submission of a revised syllabus with a course grading scheme.

**150-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 698, “Internship in Studio Art.”

**151-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 699, “MFA Thesis Guidance.”

**152-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ART 697, “Teaching Internship II,” pending a review of the MFA curriculum to ensure that no inadvertent conflicts have been introduced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**153-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the proposed changes to the Art History major and minor’s course distribution requirements. Students will now be required to take courses from three broadly-defined areas—Pre-1750, After 1750 and Non-Western—instead of from four of five periods (Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance or Baroque, Modern or Asian).

**154-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the proposed prerequisite change for PHYS 299. PHYS 298 will now be a prerequisite for PHYS 299.

**155-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** changing PHYS 365’s prerequisite from PHYS 360 from PHYS 361.

**156-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** PHYS 507, “Solar System Astronomy,” pending the submission of a revised syllabus with a course grading scheme.

**157-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** changing PHYS 625’s prerequisite from PHYS 531 and 555 to PHYS 530 and 555.

**158-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ANTH 301, “Archaeology of Sacred Sites.”

**159-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ANTH 302, “Underwater Archaeology.”

**160-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ANTH 348, “State and Empire.”

**161-14F:** The committee **DEFERRED** approval for ANTH 522, “Ecology, Politics, and Culture,” pending the following changes/clarifications: 1) If the course is to be counted for both graduate and undergraduate credit, a second CIF indicating that it is being proposed for graduate credit needs to be prepared; 2) The syllabus needs to distinguish what graduate students will be required to do above and beyond expectations of undergraduates; 3) The committee would like clarification on whether a student who takes ANTH 332, “Ecology, Politics, and Culture,” will be able to take ANTH 552 for credit.

**162-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ANTH 526, “Archaeology as Practice.”

**163-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ANTH 528, “Animals and Humans.”

**164-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** ANTH 529, “Zooarchaeology.”

**165-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of ANTH 343 pending consultation with Pan-African Studies concerning PAS 361 (cross-listed with ANTH 343).

**166-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of ANTH 350.

**167-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of ANTH 385.

**168-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of ANTH 533.

**169-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 310.

**170-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 318.

**171-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 319.

**172-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 321.

**173-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 322.

**174-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 331.

**175-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 333.

**176-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 334.

**177-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 337.

**178-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 338.

**179-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 352.

**180-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the description change for ANTH 530.

**181-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the title and description change for ANTH 626. “Community Food Security” will be changed to “Food Justice.”

**182-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** two requested changes to catalog copy describing the BA programs in Anthropology. The department will add the following language: “Students may NOT major in both the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a Track in Natural Sciences and the Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a Track in Social Sciences.” The department is also moving ANTH 351 from being an elective option under “Biological Area” to being an elective option under “Topical Area.” This change is being made so that qualified faculty members will be able to offer “Medical Anthropology” with a cultural focus instead of a bio-cultural focus.

**183-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 334, “Globalization, Culture and Third World Development.”

**184-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 352, “The Black Child.”

**185-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 375, “Public Health in Africa.”

**186-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 387, “Health Issues in the African-American Community.”

**187-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 512 and PAS 612, “Gender, Race, Work and Welfare.” The committee will consult with SOC and WGST to see if those departments want the courses with which PAS 512/612 are cross-listed to be deleted as well.

**188-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 560/660, “Geography and Nutrition among Africans and African Americans.” The committee will consult with GEOG to see if it wishes to delete GEOG 520/620.

**189-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 562/662, “Women’s Health in Africa.” The committee will consult with WGST to see if it wishes to delete WGST 540/640.

**190-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the deletion of PAS 515, “Race and Racism.”

**191-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the requested title change for PAS 622. Its new title shall be “Theories of the Pan-African Diaspora.”

**192-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the requested title and description change for PAS 528. Its new title shall be “African American Education.”

**193-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PAS 628, “African American Education.”

**194-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the title and description changes requested for PAS 615. Its new title shall be “Theories of Race and Racism.” PAS 615 effectively replaced the deleted PAS 515.

**195-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PAS 407, “Theoretical Perspectives in African American and Diaspora Studies” pending submission of a revised syllabus that includes a grading scheme and a correction in the “Course Requirements” section. As written, the syllabus does not indicated the final paper and oral report’s weighted value in determining the final course grade.

**196-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PAS 530, “The Life and Times of Malcolm X,” pending submission of a revised syllabus that includes a course grading scheme.

**197-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PAS 630, “The Life and Times of Malcolm X,” pending submission of a revised syllabus that specifies the extra work that graduate students will have to complete.

**198-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PAS 541, “Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Globalization,” pending submission of a revised syllabus that includes a course grading scheme.

**199-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PAS 650, “Seminar on Black Culture: Herskovits,” pending submission of a revised syllabus that includes a course grading scheme.

**200-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the title, course, and prerequisite changes requested for GEOG 590. GEOG 590 will be renumbered as GEOG 663 with the new title “Climate and Environmental Change.”

**201-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the renumbering of BIOL 348 as BIOL 443.

**202-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of BIOL 643 pending clarification of why the course was proposed as a four-credit course since it did not seem to have a laboratory component. Subsequent review of Biology’s graduate curriculum revealed that all of the graduate courses are four-credit courses.

**203-14F:** The committee **DEFERRED** approval of the requested change to BIOL 648, which would make it a four-credit course instead of a three-credit course. Since all of the other BIOL graduate courses are four credits, however, the committee should revisit the request.

**204-14F-205-14F:** Dr. David Simpson explained the proposed courses, PLAN 405 and PLAN 645, “Dogs in Society: An Interdisciplinary Examination of the Human-Canine Connection,” are outgrowths of work done by a work group of faculty from Anthropology, Biology, Communication, English and Urban and Public Affairs seeking to establish a certificate in human-animal studies. PLAN 405 would be an

undergraduate survey to introduce students to academic inquiry in this area. The course has never been offered at U of L. Its syllabus does not offer specific readings yet; instead, an annotated bibliography has been completed from which reading assignments shall be made. Responding a question from Dr. Tillquist, Dr. Simpson noted that UPA does not offer an undergraduate degree program, so this would be its only 400-level offering. The department needs to learn from Bob Goldstein if/how this can be done. The proposed undergraduate course is linked with a 600-level course because UPA does not offer a significant number of 500-level courses. UPA's students are advised against taking 500-level courses, so Dr. Simpson believes that creating a 500-level version of the course, as suggested by Dr. Yoder, would result in the department's graduate students simply not taking it. Dr. Bertacco suggested that the syllabus' field experience requirements were unclear. Dr. Simpson explained that students would work with organizations like the Humane Society or with area therapy/service groups, but agreed that a revised syllabus would elucidate this aspect of the course. The committee **APPROVED** PLAN 405 and 605, pending clarification from Bob Goldstein on whether UPA is able to offer undergraduate courses.

**206-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the proposed title and cross-listing changes for UPA 672. The new title is "Public Management." This change will bring its title and description into conformity with its cross-listed courses PADM 605 and PLAN 610.

**207-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the proposed title and cross-listing changes for PLAN 610. The new title is "Public Management." This change will bring its title and description into conformity with its cross-listed courses PADM 605 and UPA 672.

**208-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PLAN 670, "Sustainable Development and Planning," pending drafting of a course description (the description on the CIF is more of an explanation for the course proposal than a description for the catalog) and submission of a revised syllabus that provides a fuller description of course assignments and that includes a course grading scheme.

**209-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PLAN 673, "Behavioral Dimensions of Urban Sustainability," pending the drafting of a course description. The description on the CIF is an explanation of the course proposal.

**210-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PLAN 674, "Sustainable Urbanism," pending submission of a revised syllabus with a course grading scheme.

**211-14F:** The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PLAN 676, "Sustainable Social-Ecological Systems."

**212-14F:** This item was an inadvertent duplication of the item listed as 206-14F.

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**214-14F:** Dr. Simpson was asked about the proposed course prefix SUST. He shared that this is part of an initiative coming out of SIGS to establish an interdisciplinary MA/MS program in Sustainability. SIGS is working with Dr. Goldstein to get the designation approved/added. The proposed SUST 600, "Introduction to Sustainability," would be the only course offered under the SUST designation and would serve as an interdisciplinary seminar open to any U of L graduate student. The proposed course would be cross-listed with PLAN 675, PADM 675 and UPA 675. The committee **APPROVED** the course's content and its offering as PLAN 675, PADM 675 and UPA 675. It cannot, however, approve the course's offering as SUST 600 until the designation is approved and the proposed program has been vetted and approved by the units.

**215-14F:** The committee **DEFERRED** approval of PEAC 575, “Independent Study in Peace, Justice and Conflict Transformation” until a program representative can attend. The committee raised questions about the course’s proposed five-credit option.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Prepared December 10, 2014  
Amended January 9, 2015

College of Arts and Sciences  
Curriculum Committee  
December 9, 2014  
10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
SRB 340

**AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2014, Meeting (forwarded electronically)
- 2) Old Business
  - 138-14F: Proposed change to “the type of comprehensive exams to be required for the Ph.D. program in Sociology”
  - 145-14F: Addition of ART 372, “Creativity in Advertising”
  - 146-14F: Addition of ART 612, “Professional Practice in Glass”
  - 147-14F: Change to ART 691 (description change, prerequisite change)
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  - 152-14F: Addition of ART 697, “Teaching Internship II”
- 3) New Business (attached)
  - 153-14F: Proposed changes to Art History’s undergraduate major and minor and to the MA program
  - 154-14F: Change to PHYS 299 (prerequisite change)
  - 155-14F: Change to PHYS 365 (prerequisite change)
  - 156-14F: Addition of PHYS 507, “Solar System Astronomy”
  - 157-14F: Change to PHYS 625 (prerequisite change)
  - 158-14F: Addition of ANTH 301, “Archaeology of Sacred Sites”
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  - 163-14F: Addition of ANTH 528, “Animals and Humans”
  - 164-14F: Addition of ANTH 529, “Zooarchaeology”
  - 165-14F: Delete ANTH 343
  - 166-14F: Delete ANTH 350
  - 167-14F: Delete ANTH 385
  - 168-14F: Delete ANTH 533
  - 169-14F: Change to ANTH 310 (description change)

- 170-14F: Change to ANTH 318 (description change)
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- 173-14F: Change to ANTH 322 (description change)
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- 178-14F: Change to ANTH 338 (description change)
- 179-14F: Change to ANTH 352 (description change)
- 180-14F: Change to ANTH 530 (description change)
- 181-14F: Change to ANTH 626 (title and description change)
- 182-14F: Proposed change to the BA programs in Anthropology
- 183-14F: Delete PAS 334
- 184-14F: Delete PAS 352
- 185-14F: Delete PAS 375
- 186-14F: Delete PAS 387
- 187-14F: Delete PAS 512 and 612
- 188-14F: Delete PAS 560 and 660
- 189-14F: Delete PAS 562 and 662
- 190-14F: Delete PAS 515
- 191-14F: Change to PAS 622 (title change)
- 192-14F: Change to PAS 528 (title and description change)
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- 198-14F: Addition of PAS 541, "Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Globalization"
- 199-14F: Addition of PAS 650, "Seminar on Black Culture: Herskovits"
- 200-14F: Change to GEOS 590 (title change, course number change, and prerequisite change)
- 201-14F: Change to BIOL 348 (course number change)
- 202-14F: Addition of BIOL 643, "Advanced Developmental Biology"
- 203-14F: Change to BIOL 648 (credit hour change)
- 204-14F: Addition of PLAN 405, "Dogs in Society" (CBL designation)
- 205-14F: Addition of PLAN 645, "Dogs in Society" (CBL designation)
- 206-14F: Change to UPA 672 (title and cross-listing change)
- 207-14F: Change to PLAN 610 (title and cross-listing change)



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