

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2016, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Location: Gardiner Hall 230

Present: Matt Church, Christine Ehrick, Paul Himes, Changbing Hu, Dwain Pruitt, Edna Ross, Elaine Wise

Absent: William Cunningham

Guests: David Brown (PHYS), Avery Kolers (PHIL/SCHG), Melinda Leonard (PSYC), Keith Mountain (GEOG/GEOS), David Owen (PHIL), Christine Rich (CHEM)

The meeting was convened at 2:02 PM.

The committee approved the minutes of the October 7, 2016, meeting with an amendment to correct an inadvertent error.

NEW BUSINESS:

25-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing PHYS 365's title from "Severe Weather" to "Mesoscale Meteorology" to reflect common practice in collegiate atmospheric science programs and to reflect the course's content more accurately. Its description was also changed to reflect the new title and the course's content.

26-16F: The committee **APPROVED** the addition of CHEM 659, "Solid State Chemistry," pending the submission of a revised course syllabus that includes the University's statement on disabilities.

27-16F: The committee **APPROVED** a proposed change to CHEM 208's description and course prerequisites to clarify that a student may earn credit for CHEM 207 if s/he withdraws from CHEM 201 but may not continue into CHEM 208. The course description will now read: "Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in CHEM 201 and completion of CHEM 207. CHEM 208 is a continuation of CHEM 207."

28-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changes to CHEM 210's description and course prerequisites. Its description will now read: "Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in CHEM 202 and completion of CHEM 209. CHEM 210 is a continuation of CHEM 209 intended especially for Chemistry majors; introduction to instrumental methods of chemical analysis."

29-16F: The committee **APPROVED** a change to the SCHG minor. PHIL/SCHG 538 has been removed as one of the minor's core course options. PHIL/SCHG 538 has been replaced as a core course option by ANTH 333/SCHG 333.

30-16F: The committee **APPROVED** cross-listing SCHG 333 with ANTH 333.

31-16F: The committee **APPROVED** the addition of ANTH 333, "Globalizing Inequalities—WR."

32-16F: The committee **APPROVED** the addition of PSYC 430, "Psychology of Peace and Ethnic Relations—CUE," as a new course and CUE option in Psychological and Brain Sciences pending submission of a revised syllabus clarifying its course attendance policy. The committee expressed concern that students might misinterpret the attendance policy as currently written to conclude that University-excused absences would negatively impact their participation grade.

33-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing the credit hours for PSYC 605 from 1 to 6 hours of variable credit to 1 to 9 hours of variable credit.

34-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing the title of GEOG 200 from “The Power of Place~SB” to “Human Geography in a Changing World~SB” and changing the course’s description to read as follows: “The basic theme of this course is human geography as the study of place and the power that place has in the conduct of human affairs. Students will study the geographic distributions of human activities at global, regional and local scales, and the causes and consequences of those activities. Specific topics covered include population distribution and movement, economic activity, sustainable development, urban and rural settlements, and cultural and political environments. Students will also become acquainted with the tools that geographers use to map and analyze real world problems and gain a basic understanding of how those tools are applied to geographic studies.”

35-16F: The committee **APPROVED** the creation of GEOS 218, “The Global Environment Lab~SL,” which is to be an optional one-hour geosciences lab taken concurrently with GEOS 200.

36-16F: The committee **APPROVED** the creation of PHIL 315, “Asian Philosophy.” “Asian Philosophy” was previously offered as PHIL 315, so the department hopes that it will be able to reactivate the course using the same number. The Department of Philosophy wishes for this course to be an HCD2 general education option. The other “H” courses are all offered at the 100- or 200-level, but the committee agreed to recommend that the GECC consider approving this course for H credit.

37-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing ENGL 325’s description to clarify that students may not receive credit for ENGL 325/LING 325 if they have already received credit for ENGL 518/LING 518.

38-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing ENGL 518’s description to clarify that students may not receive credit for ENGL 325/LING 325 if they have already received credit for ENGL 518/LING 518.

39-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing LING 325’s description to clarify that students may not receive credit for ENGL 325/LING 325 if they have already received credit for ENGL 518/LING 518.

40-16F: The committee **APPROVED** changing LING 518’s description to clarify that students may not receive credit for ENGL 325/LING 325 if they have already received credit for ENGL 518/LING 518.

41-16F: The committee **DEFERRED** on approving the addition of GEN 204, “Leadership and Career Development” pending further conversation with Dr. Esrock and Mr. Lewis concerning the course’s academic content.

OLD BUSINESS:

23-16F: After completing its new business, the committee returned to discussion of the Cardinal Core general education proposal. The committee continues to have concerns about the language used to describe the D1 and D2 categories and editorial inconsistency in the document. Accordingly, it is not prepared to recommend that the document be forwarded to the A&S Faculty Assembly for its review; rather, the committee wishes to send additional comments and suggested revisions to the general education committee for its consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2016, Meeting
- 2) Old Business
 - 23-16F: Cardinal Core Program, Proposed General Education Revision
- 3) New Business (available on the Curriculum Committee's Sharepoint site)
 - 25-16F: Change to PHYS 365 (title and course description)
 - 26-16F: Addition of CHEM 659, "Solid State Chemistry"
 - 27-16F: Change to CHEM 208 (description and prerequisite)
 - 28-16F: Change to CHEM 210 (description and prerequisite)
 - 29-16F: Change to Social Change minor curriculum
 - 30-16F: Change to ANTH 333 (new cross-listing with SCHG 333)
 - 31-16F: Addition of SCHG 333, "Globalizing Inequalities"
 - 32-16F: Addition of PSYC 430, "Psychology of Peace and Ethnic Relations-CUE"
 - 33-16F: Change to PSYC 605 (credit hours)
 - 34-16F: Change to GEOG 200 (course title and description)
 - 35-16F: Addition of GEOS 218, "Global Environment Lab"
 - 36-16F: Addition of PHIL 315, "Asian Philosophy-HCD2"
 - 37-16F: Change to ENGL 325 (description)
 - 38-16F: Change to ENGL 518 (description)
 - 39-16F: Change to LING 325 (description)
 - 40-16F: Change to LING 518 (description)
 - 41-16F: Addition of GEN 204, "Leadership and Strategic Career Development"