

General Education Committee

December 14, 2009 – HUB 119

MINUTES

Present: Samuel D. Brickley II (Chair), Mary E. Campbell (consultant, non-voting), Christopher C. Chabot, Wilson A. Garcia, Elliott G. Gruner (left at 4:25 pm), Jong-Yoon Kim, David Zehr [six voting members]

Absent: Corey J. DeGroot (student, voting), Annie Gagne (student, voting)

Excused: Lourdes Aviles

Vacant: Dean of the Academic Experience

Presenters: Brian Beaudrie, Robert Egbert, Paul Fedorchak, Barbara Lopez-Mayhew, Brigid O'Donnell, Ray Perkins, Leo Sandy, Metasebia Woldemariam

Recorded in the order in which the agenda item was discussed. Sam Brickley called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

1. **Approval of November 23rd minutes.** *Approved by general consent.*

2. **Course Proposals**

a. Early Review (approved); sunset date is 5/2014:

- AH 3540 Art and Ideas in the 19th Century (sunset GACO) (sunset INCO)
- BI 1110 Biological Science I (sunset TECO)
- CJDI 1020 The Individual and the Law (sunset SSDI)
- ENDI 1350 Twice-Told Tales (sunset PPDI)
- LL 2000 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (sunset QRCO)
- PY 2290 Religion in America (sunset DICO)
- PY 3460 Sexual Ethics (sunset INCO)
- PY 4770 Great Philosophers Seminar (sunset WRCO)
- PS 3150 Research Methods in Psychology (sunset WRCO)

b. Early Review (not approved):

- FR 1110 Continuing French I (sunset DICO) (sunset GACO)
- FR 1120 Continuing French II (sunset DICO) (sunset GACO)

Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.

- LA 1030 Fundamentals of Latin I (sunset GACO)
- LA 1040 Fundamentals of Latin II (sunset GACO)

Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.

- SP 1010 Fundamentals of Spanish I (sunset DICO) (sunset GACO)
- SP 1020 Fundamentals of Spanish II (sunset DICO) (sunset GACO)
- SP 1060 Conversational Spanish I (sunset DICO) (sunset GACO)

Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.

c. Standard Review; sunset date is 5/2014:

- GR 1010 Fundamentals of German I (sunset GACO)
- GR 1020 Fundamentals of German II (sunset GACO)

Approved 6-0-0-3.

b. Early Review (not approved):

- MA 1500 Mathematics and the Humanities (sunset QRCO)

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- MA 2490 Applied Calculus I (sunset QRCO)
 - MA 3010 Mathematics in Our World II (sunset QRCO)
Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.
 - MA 4020 The Cultural and Psychological Aspects of Mathematics Learning (sunset DICO) (sunset INCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.*
 - c. Standard Review; sunset date is 5/2014:
 - MA 3230 Geometries (sunset TECO) (sunset WRCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - b. Early Review (not approved):
 - IS 3560/PY 3560 Philosophical Perspectives on War and Peace (sunset GACO) (sunset INCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.*
 - BIDI 1xxx Core Concepts: Ecology, Evolution and Behavior (new SIDI) *Approved 6-0-0-3. Sunset is 5/2014.*
 - c. Standard Review; sunset date is 5/2014:
 - BIDI 1xxx Core Concepts (new SIDI). *Approved 6-0-0-3, pending Curriculum Committee.*
 - PS 3140 Statistics in Psychology (sunset QRCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CMDI 1020 Media Representations of College Students and College Life (sunset SSDI). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CM 2770 Introduction to Media and Cultural Studies (sunset TECO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CM 3480 Global Perspectives in the Media (sunset GACO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CM 3640 Communication Theory (sunset WRCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CM 3650 Communication Research Methods (sunset QRCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CM 3800 Analyzing Television (sunset INCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
 - CM 4700 Film and Identity Politics (sunset DICO). *Approved 6-0-0-3.*
3. **Waivers**
- a. BA Political Science. Waiver of Self and Society Direction (SSDI). *Approved 5-1-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.*
 - b. BS Public Management. Waiver of Self and Society Direction (SSDI). *Approved 4-2-0-3. Sunset date is 5/2014.*
4. **Reports**
- a. Potential topics for January retreat/spring semester (please bring January calendars to meeting). Sam distributed a document, Potential Topics for January Retreat/Spring Semester, that included responses from Committee members. The topics are grouped by Forms and Procedures; Assessment; Other Issues. Assignments are:
 1. Forms and Procedures (Sam will draft forms)
 - a. Revisions to course proposal form/sunset renewal form
 - b. Revisions to student evaluation form
 - c. Early review procedure
 - d. Standard review procedures
 - e. Establish procedure for voting on Early and Standard Reviews; preserve integrity of committee votes on all matters
 2. Assessment (Chris) (Elliott)
 - a. Do we want/need further assessments?
 - b. What do we do with the results of present assessments?
 - c. First year requirements—discuss how do the requirements relate to each other
 - d. CLA—discuss the pilot results and any future plans for testing (David)

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- e. Is there any way to highlight/reward successes?
3. Other Issues
 - a. Should sunset provision be longer than four years? (Lourdes)
 - b. Writing in the disciplines—is one WRCO course enough? (Elliott)
 - c. Communication with faculty (Elliott)
 - d. Reception of the committee
 - e. Procedure for elective chair; when, who votes (Elliott)

First choice date: Tuesday, **January 26, 2010**, 9 am - noon

Second choice date: Wednesday, **January 27, 2010**, 9 am – noon

2. b. Early Review (not approved):
 - EN 3610 Currents in British Literature I (new INCO). *Approved 6-0-0-3*. Sunset date is 5/2014.
 - AH 2700 Frameworks of Art: 1900-Present (sunset WRCO). *Approved 5-0-0-4*. Sunset date is 5/2014.
 - ESDI 2610 Earth Systems Science: The Hazardous Earth (sunset SIDI). *Approved for one year 4-0-1-4*. Sunset date is 5/2011.
- c. Standard Review; sunset date is 5/2014:
 - AP 3320 Adventure Education Philosophy and Theory (sunset WRCO)
 - AP 3321 Immersion Adventure Education Philosophy and Theory (sunset WRCO)
Approved 5-0-0-4.
 - AT 4500 Therapeutic Modalities (sunset TECO). *Approved subject to including TECO in the syllabus and explaining how they will carry that out, 5-0-0-4*.
 - GEDI 1300 Spatial Organization of Everyday Life (sunset SSDI). *Approved subject to including some description in the syllabus of the skills and their assessment of that, 4-0-1-4*.

General concerns regarding course proposals:

- Make sure the gen ed-ness of the course is evident to the student; talk about it in the syllabus; how does the course meet the XX Connection or meet the XX Direction
- Annotated syllabus; this is where you will find XX Connection
- Low scores on the Gen Ed evaluations
- Add to the syllabus XX Connection description and how XX Connection will be done
- How skills will be assessed is to be in the syllabus for Directions courses
- How goals of XX Direction will be met

Remaining Courses with 5/2010 Sunset Date:

- AH 3500 The World of the Crusades (GACO) (INCO): The Art Department decided not to seek renewal.
- ESDI 2120 Historical Geology (SIDI):
- ESDI 2130 Historical Geology Laboratory (SIDI):
The Environmental Science and Policy Department is proposing to the Curriculum Committee on December 18th to remove these courses from the Catalog.

5. Announcements

None.

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Sam was thanked for all of his extra efforts to have all 5/2010 sunseting courses reviewed by the Committee's deadline of today's meeting.

The General Education Committee meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in HUB 123. The next meeting of the Committee will be **February 11, 2010**.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Campbell, Scribe
Director of Curriculum Support

Sunset date that has been extended one year by the Associate Vice President for Undergraduates Studies:

FR 3130 Advanced French Composition (WRCO)
GE 2090 Computer Mapping (TECO)
HI 3540 Recent Times: The United States, 1960-2000 (DICO)
IS 3480 Perspective on Wilderness (DICO) (INCO)
IS 3610 Biology of Sex Roles (DICO) (GACO) (INCO)
PODI 1100 Citizen Politics (SSDI)
PO 3300 Latin American Politics (GACO) (WRCO)
SP 3190 Spanish for Business (DICO) (GACO)

Sunset date that has been extended two years by the Associate Vice President for Undergraduates Studies:

SP 3170 Spanish for Social Services (DICO) (GACO)
WS 3510 Women and Their Environments (INCO)

These minutes were approved February 8, 2010.