

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

WEEK 7; Tuesday April 17, 2012; in Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)

Members in attendance: Greg Domski, Kristen Douglas, Rob Elflin, Ellen Hay, Taddy Kalas, Darien Marion-Burton, Catherine McDermott, Cameron Onumah, Mark Vincent, Michael Wolf, Joe Wood  
Others Present: Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf.

**I. Minutes** from April 3, 2012 meeting:

Motion to approve: Catherine McDermott                      seconded: Darien Marion-Burton  
**All Approved**

**II. Old Business:**

**December 14, 2010**

**Further Discussion to be noted on future Agenda:**

What is the actual charge of the EPC Committee; Are the EPC guidelines being met; Constitutional responsibility of faculty to be in charge of curriculum; Proactive behavior /not reactive; Certificate Programs; Concern with new instructor course syllabus development

**III. New Business**

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd:

LSFY 102: From Sophocles to Miller

**Action: EPC Chair will forward to Senate**

B. New course: RELG 309: Judaism (3 cr)

Discussion:

- **PH** suffix is noted in the request for the new course. The suffix will need to be vetted through Gen. Ed., then moved to EPC for approval. At this time, RELG 309 course is approved without **PH** suffix.

**Action: All approved RELG 309 (3 cr)**

C. New course: RELG 388: Serving Refugees (1 cr)

Also: Service-Learning designation for this course

Discussion:

- Would like this course considered as a permanent Augustana S-L course
- Could be functional with other courses within department
- Consider more depth in the reflection – How it is to react with someone from a different culture
- Dr. E. Hay has worked with this agency and would be interested in discussing her thoughts with the Religion department

**LC** is noted on the new course request. GenEd has not approved the **LC** designation as of today's EPC meeting.. At this time, EPC is approving RELG 388 and the **Service-Learning** designation only.

**Action: All approved RELG 388 with SL designation**

D. Pre-seminary Advising Program proposal

Discussion:

- Requesting approval from EPC in order to submit for Web page documentation with other listed programs
- Upon Senate approval of RELG 309 Judaism, request to add "courses other than Christianity"
- Correct typing error: RELG 362: Religion and Philosophy ~~of~~ of India

**Action: All approved**

E. Japanese Minor proposal

Discussion:

- Committee impressed with information submitted

**Action: All approved**

F. Ethics Minor proposal

Discussion:

- Has this minor been vetted by Division and department?
- To what department will this minor be attached?
- Was this minor developed and approved by a department?

**Action:**

- Request Laura Hartman or Tim Bloser meet with EPC for further discussion
- Move to next meeting agenda

**NOTE: It was indicated that the new course approvals will not be listed in the hard copy of the catalog for academic year 2012-2013. It is necessary that the departments contact the web department to make sure the courses are included in the on-line catalog.**

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: 4:30 p.m., April 24, 2012  
Mark Vincent will be acting Chair (Wolf at a Geology meeting)  
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