

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

WEEK 6; Tuesday April 9, 2013; in Founders' Hall, Basement Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Mike Wolf, Umme Al-Wazedi, Tim Bloser, Danilo Bruno, David Dehnel, Greg Domski, Kristin Douglas, Robert Elflin, Ann Ericson, Ellen Hay, Taddy Kalas, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson
Others Present: Dan Lee, Jason Mahn, Mason Broxham, Sarah Althaus, Jen-ne Ma, Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf.

I. Minutes from April 2, 2013 meeting:

Correction to minutes:

New Business D. Senior Inquiry subcommittee draft report!

Request EPC members to communicate with their Division to discuss...

Change to : It could also be possible to request EPC members to communicate with their Division to discuss...

Motion to approve minutes with correction noted: David Dehnel

Seconded: Umme Al-Wazedi

Motion is approved with noted change.

II. Old Business

A. ENGL 120 (Division has now approved)

Motion to remove from table: Tim Bloser

Seconded: Taddy Kalas

All approved ENGL 120

B. Note about HIST 177 (change during upcoming Senate to drop the "A" (HIST 177A).

III. New Business

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd:

D suffix for WGST 249 (EPC tabled course 4.9.2013)

B. RELG dept. changes to major, including new courses RELG ~~160~~ & ~~360~~

Dr. Dan Lee and Dr. Jason Mahn were present to answer questions.

- **Dr. Mahn chaired the committee for dept. changes**
- **Four quadrants – require one course from each quadrant**
- **Different areas of concentration in quadrants**
- **Quadrants help with staffing**
- **Reflect cross-cultural interests in two sections**
- **Course offerings will depend on enrollment**
- **Students with double majors are required to do a Senior Inquiry**
- **Students with double majors are strongly encouraged to do a joint SI with approval of both majors**
- **Concern with combining quadrants - ethics, religious practice would eliminate the manifest deed to replace a teaching position**
- **Concern with staffing courses currently on the books**
- **Hope RELG ~~160~~ would attract FY students**
- **Need to encourage students to declare major before their junior year**
- **Can't use proposed number 360 (already exists as a course), so work with registrar**

(noted: RELG 260, D suffix rename to RELG ~~160~~ "D" suffix)

Motion to approve: Tim Bloser

Seconded: Ellen Hay

All Approved (SEE BELOW)

G. FRENCH dept. changes to major, including addition of new courses:

FREN 300, 305, 311, 312, 357

Discussion:

- Department was encouraged to add more cultural courses
- Suffix approval for FREN 311, 312 and 357 have not been submitted to GenEd
- Credits noted on Proposed new Structure of the French Major will be corrected to forward to Senate.

(note: At this time, suffix approvals have not been approved through GenEd)

Motion to approve: Rob Elfline

Seconded: Ann Ericson

All approved

H. Senior Inquiry subcommittee draft report!

(Action 3.26.2013: Request from SI subcommittee to receive feedback from EPC members

Dave Dehnel requested EPC members consider and respond to the following:

Should we have a committee that reports to EPC, but will be separately chosen or can we do this through a subcommittee that includes EPC and possibly the Assessment Committee.

The appeal of divisional representation is that SI looks different in different parts of the curriculum.

Please send concerns and recommendations to Dave Dehnel.)

Discussion continued:

- Should Senior Inquiry Committee be structured as a subcommittee of EPC
- EPC will have purview over Senior Inquiry solutions and issues
- As a subcommittee of EPC, it could be possible to create a scheduled monthly, or bimonthly meeting, and report to EPC at designated times during the terms
- It could also be possible to request EPC members to communicate with their Division to discuss Senior Inquiry and to forward information to the SI subcommittee

Discussion: Propose a process to approving LC designation. (March 19, 2013)

- When must LC be approved through governance
- LC form is located on-line
- How is LC approved for Foreign terms
- Record of LC approved designation needs to be documented
- What is the required paper trail document to submit LC designation to Registrar's Office
- Does International Off Campus Programs department approve LC designation for Foreign Terms
- Is there a length of term for Foreign Courses to receive LC designation to be considered (10 weeks, 5 weeks, number of days?)

Convocation Day

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:45 pm.

Next Meeting April 16, 2013 Founders' Hall Basement Meeting Room