

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

April 21, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

REVISED MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, John Cairns, Patrick Crawford, Ann Ericson, Margaret Farrar, Liesl Fowler, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Mary Koski, Josh Morgan, Mark Vincent, Ritva Williams, Mike Wolf

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM.

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 14, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting were approved after adding John Cairns to members present.

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS

A. Independent and Directed Studies

Motion-Vincent, Second-Crawford APPROVED

“That independent and directed studies courses not be offered as hidden courses and that any course offered to any student is to be open to all students.”

B. Latin American Studies Minor Requirements Changes

Listing the HIST 369 course to be available only when the topic is Latin America would be problematic per Liesl. She felt this could be remedied by not listing the course in the catalog, and when a student does enroll, it would be manually inserted into the system.

Motion-Wolf, Second-Kalas APPROVED

“To approve the changes to the Minor requirements in Latin American Studies as presented.”

C. RELG 450

The Religion Department brought forth the question of whether or not they needed to go back through the governance process to eliminate RELG-450 Independent Inquiry from their course offerings. Since the registrar’s office proposed that departments add a new internship designation to their catalog descriptions, the new RELG-INTR-Sxx/Lxx/Axx Senior Inquiry/Service Learning/Academic Internship (0-9 credits) does everything that the RELG-450 course had intended. RELG 450 is now redundant. Liesl Fowler recommended no action--for information purposes.

D. Multimedia Journalism and Mass Communication Minor Approval Request

Motion-Ericson, Second-Jaeschke APPROVED

“To approve the Multimedia Journalism and Mass Communication Minor as presented, and new courses:

MJMC 221: Newspaper Practicum

MJMC 310: Topics in Multimedia Journalism and Mass Communication as presented.”

E. LP and Suffix Request

Motion-Kalas, Second-Morgan APPROVED

“To approve a PP and a G for WLIT 310A: Topics in World Literature: Latin America Term as presented.”

AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS

A. Classics Senior Inquiry Proposal

Jeff commended Emil Kramer for his work on the Classics S.I. proposal.

Motion-Crawford, Second-Kalas APPROVED

“To approve the Classics Senior Inquiry Proposal as presented.”

B. Curriculum Changes for the Political Science Department

Motion-Vincent, Second-Morgan APPROVED

“To approve the curriculum changes for the Political Science Department as presented.”

C. Suffix Request

Motion-Wolf, Second-Vincent APPROVED

“To remove from the table MATH 230: Discrete Mathematics for a Q.”

Original motion to approve MATH 230: Discrete Mathematics for a Q **APPROVED.**

D. Clarification to Catalog

Liesl presented language clarifying the current policy that LS courses do not count toward the major or minor academic program of study, which has not been included in the catalog up to this point. The EPC committee felt that this clarification was appropriate.

Also presented for inclusion in the catalog was revised language regarding the approval process for new course and curriculum proposals. The EPC members felt that this clarification was appropriate; however, suggested removing the word “also” in the last sentence of the highlighted text.

E. Contract Major Language

Liesl recommends that EPC consider including language in the Contract Major Checklist clarifying that a student can only have the contract major as their only major; but that one or more minors are acceptable. The committee was asked to come back with their thoughts on this matter at the next meeting.

The committee agreed to change a word in the Contract Major Guidelines and Contract Major Checklist as follows:

Contract Major Guidelines: Under Senior Project, beginning with 4th sentence, change the word “project” to “proposal” for a total of 3 occurrences.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski