Minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2012

Present: Brighouse, Brown, Green, Ingham, Johnson, Miller, Murphy, Rahko, Vanderwal Taylor, Wilkerson

Absent: Bohnhoff, Seidenberg

The meeting began at 1:17 p.m.

1. Consent item – Minutes of the October 26, 2012 meeting were approved.

Course Proposals for Review

Summary: Three proposals were deferred (#9, 11 and 12 below), one was conditionally approved (#8 below) and the remaining were unanimously approved.

Arts and Humanities

2. English 241 - Literature and Culture I: to the 18th Century
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
   Action: Unanimously approved

3. English 242 - Literature and Culture II: from the 18th Century to the Present
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
   Action: Unanimously approved

4. English 243 - American Literary Cultures
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
   Action: Unanimously approved

5. English 245 - Seminar in the Major
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
   Action: Unanimously approved

6. Legal Studies/History 320 - American Legal History to 1860
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
   Action: Unanimously approved

7. Legal Studies/History 321 - American Legal History, 1860 to the Present
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
   Action: Unanimously approved
Biological Sciences

8. Plant Pathology 311 - Global Food Security
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Conditionally approved based on L&S approval. The committee suggests that the syllabus be revised to include the approved prerequisites of “Sophomore standing”.

9. Population Health Sciences 663 - Writing for Scholarly Publication
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously deferred. The committee requests that the department address the following concerns:
   • The title of the course does not accurately reflect the course content
   • Allocating 50% of the grade to attendance seems high
   • The committee suggests that course include reading assignments, and that this be reflected in the grading scheme
   • The amount of outside-of-class work by students does not seem to comply with the federal credit hour definition (minimum 30 hours for a 1-credit course)
   • The committee questions whether students’ writing will be improved by a compressed format (two weeks). The committee observes that there seems to be little time for reflection.
   • The response to “Address the relationship of this course to other UW-Madison courses, including possible duplication of content” on the form includes courses that appear to be unrelated to the proposed course

10. Population Health Sciences 711 - Introduction to Life Course Epidemiology and Family Health Services Research
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards
    Action: Unanimously approved

Physical Sciences

11. Nuclear Engineering/Civil and Environmental Engineering/Industrial and Systems Engineering 460 - Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Statistics approved the proposal.
    Action: Unanimously deferred. The committee requests that the department address the following concerns:
    • How is this course different than Statistics 324, 424?
    • The committee requests a more robust syllabus, including a list of weekly activities, a description of requirements for the final project, and an explanation of what the standard is for grading on the curve.
    • Would it be appropriate to crosslist the course with Mechanical Engineering?

Social Studies
12. Kinesiology 355 - Socio-Cultural Aspects of Physical Activity
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Proposal was deferred because of reviewer absence

13. Political Science 414 - The Supreme Court as a Political Institution
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved
Course Proposals - Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Arts and Humanities

14. English 215 - British Literature before 1750
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. This relates to the English 241 new course proposal.

15. English 216 - British and Anglophone Literature from 1750 to the Present
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. This relates to the English 242 new course proposal.

16. English 217 - American Literature
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. This relates to the English 243 new course proposal.

17. English 300 - Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop
   Type of proposal: Change in course description and prerequisites
   Current: Proposal is scheduled for review at the November 30 meeting of the Ad Hoc Interdivisional Curriculum Committee. An introductory creative writing course, enabling students to write fiction and poetry, and to read selected contemporary writers as models. Prereq> Undergrad and Special stdts only. Submission of writing sample to program director on Monday of the last week of classes
   Proposed: An introductory creative writing course, enabling students to write fiction and poetry, and to read selected contemporary writers as models. Students who do not meet the prerequisite may submit a writing sample to the program director on Monday of the last week of classes. Prereq> Junior standing or completion of English 203.
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.

18. History 661 - Archaeology of South Asia
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught spring 1988.

19. History 663 - Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught fall 1979.

   Type of proposal: Change in course number, prerequisites, L&S level
21. **History/Languages and Cultures of Asia 442 - History of Ancient India**
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught fall 1990.

22. **History/Languages and Cultures of Asia 449 - Modern India, 1600-1860: The Rise of Empire**
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught fall 1996.

23. **History/Languages and Cultures of Asia 450 - Modern India 1860-1990: Age of Gandhi**
   Type of proposal: Change in title, description, L&S level, prerequisite
   Current: Modern India 1860-1990: Age of Gandhi. Mobilization of radical ideological and constitutional change and the reactions thereto which produced fundamental alterations in society and politics of the subcontinent during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. L&S level: Advanced. Prerequisite> So St.; "advanced" level
   Proposed: Making of Modern South Asia. Everything you ever hear about South Asia is true. But the exact opposite is also true. Tradition and modernity, development and stagnation, the past and the future all exist simultaneously, at times in harmony and at other times in conflict with one another. Through an exploration of the political, social and economic history of this region from the 18th century to the present day, students will learn about the making of modern South Asia and attempt to understand this paradox. L&S level: Intermediate. Prerequisite> Sophomore standing
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. The L&S curriculum committee has jurisdiction over the L&S level; the ad hoc interdivisional curriculum committee will only consider the other changes.

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**Biological Sciences**

24. **Biostatistics and Medical Informatics 511 - Introduction to Biostatistical Methods for Public Health**
   Type of proposal: Change in crosslisting (add Statistics)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

25. **Forest and Wildlife Ecology 306 - Terrestrial Vertebrates: Life History and Ecology**
   Type of proposal: Change in credits, course description
   Current: 3 credits. Life history, ecology, distribution, and taxonomy of reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Birds will be covered only briefly. North American (particularly Wisconsin) species will be emphasized. Designed as a foundation for detailed study of vertebrates or to satisfy a basic interest in natural history.
Proposed: 4 credits. Life history, ecology, distribution, and taxonomy of reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals. Birds will receive less emphasis. Primary focus is on Wisconsin species, including conservation threats, but covers all major North American families, and surveys major groups of the world. Designed as a foundation for detailed study of vertebrates or to satisfy the need for a scientific introduction to Wisconsin vertebrates.

Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Note that while the explanation that is presented (granting an extra 30 minutes of lab per week, or 8 hours total) would not meet the standard to grant an additional credit, the contact hours as presented on the syllabus (3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of lab per week) do meet the standard for a 4-credit course. This was confirmed with the department on November 14.

26. Kinesiology 330 - Research in Kinesiology
   Type of proposal: Change in credits (from 3 to 2)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

27. Pathology and Laboratory Medicine 750 - Cellular and Molecular Biology/Pathology
   Type of proposal: Change in credits, course description
   Current: 3 credits. The emphasis is on our current understanding of molecular and cellular mechanisms. Wherever possible, human diseases are used to illustrate the outcome at the organismal level of defects in these mechanisms. Lectures will draw from the current research literature and cover topics such as cell and tissue organization, intracellular sorting, cell migration and growth.
   Proposed: 2-3 credits. The emphasis is on our current understanding of molecular and cellular mechanisms. Wherever possible, human diseases are used to illustrate the outcome at the organismal level of defects in these mechanisms. Lectures will draw from the current research literature and cover topics such as cell and tissue organization, intracellular sorting, cell migration and growth. Students in Cellular and Molecular Pathology graduate program must enroll for lectures, 2 credits and discussion section, 1 credit. All other students should enroll for lecture only, 2 credits.
   Staff note: The proposal indicates that students from other departments/programs (e.g., bioengineering) will be affected. Pathology and Laboratory Medicine was asked how they conveyed this proposed change in credits to those departments/programs. Reply expected before November 29. Otherwise, proposal meets standards. (Reply: Course does not affect degree requirements for other programs and is only used as elective by students from other departments, thus other departments have not been notified.)

Physical Sciences

   Type of proposal: Change in course description and prerequisites
   Current: Fluid dynamics, stream functions and flow patterns, vortex filaments and sheets, two- and three-dimensional airfoil theory, compressibility effects, performance characteristics, Ackeret supersonic airfoil theory. Prerequisites> EMA 202 or 221; CEE 310 or ME 363; Math 223; or Cons Inst
   Proposed: Potential flow theory; stream functions; vortex filaments and sheets. Two- and three-dimensional wing theory. Doublet and panels methods. Propeller theory. Prerequisites> EMA 202; CEE 310 or ME 363; Math 234; or cons inst.
29. Statistics 302 - Introduction to Statistical Methods II
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught spring 2002.

30. Statistics 327 - Basic Principles of Process Control and Acceptance Inspection
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught more than 20 years ago.

Social Studies

31. Educational Policy Studies 150 - Education and Public Policy
   Type of proposal: Change in repeatability (from “not repeatable for credit” to “repeatable for credit”)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.

32. Library and Information Studies 451 - Foundations of Reference
   Type of proposal: Change in title
   Current: Foundations of Reference
   Proposed: Online Searching for Information Professionals
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

33. Library and Information Studies/History 976 - Special Problems in Archives-Manuscripts Administration
   Type of proposal: Change in prerequisites
   Current: LIS 734 & cons inst
   Proposed: LIS 734 or cons inst
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

34. Library and Information Studies/History 977 - The Practice of Archives-Manuscripts Administration
   Type of proposal: Change in prerequisites
   Current: LIS 734 & cons inst
   Proposed: LIS 734 or cons inst
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

35. Political Science 662 - Comparative Social Movements: State, Protest, and Public Policy
   Type of proposal: Discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Course was last taught spring 2010

Follow-up

36. Other business: The committee determined that all committee members can serve as reviewers for all courses, regardless of division.
37. Future meetings:
   a. Fall semester from 1:15 to 3:15: Dec 14
   b. Spring semester from noon to 2:00: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 10
The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Poehling, Divisional Committees Coordinator