Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2012

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

Absent: Brighouse

The meeting began at 1:17 p.m.

1. Consent item – Minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

Course Proposals for Review – New Business

Arts and Humanities

2. History 109 - Introduction to U.S. History
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved, on the condition that the department clarify the statement in the Justification section: “Faculty submit syllabi to the department during the first week of classes.” Will the course be vetted prior to the start of the semester?

3. History 350 - The First World War and the Shaping of Twentieth-Century Europe
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved

4. History/Religious Studies 212 - The History of Western Christianity to 1750
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved

5. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 703 - Foundations in Russian Romanticism
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved. Note that the proposal lists one set of assignments/course requirements and the syllabus lists another; department is asked to clarify.

6. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 707 - Foundations in Russian Realism (~1840-1890s)
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved. Note that the proposal lists one set of assignments/course requirements and the syllabus lists another; department is asked to clarify.

7. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 708 - Foundation in Russian Modernism (~1890s-1930s)
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved. Note that the proposal lists one set of assignments/course requirements and the syllabus lists another; department is asked to clarify.
8. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 709 - Foundation in Soviet, Emigre, and Post-Soviet Literature (~1930-present)
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved. Note that the proposal lists one set of assignments/course requirements and the syllabus lists another; department is asked to clarify.

9. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 800 - Proseminar-Slavic Literature and Culture
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards
   Action: Unanimously approved

10. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 891 - Apprenticeship in Teaching
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards
    Action: Unanimously approved

11. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 892 - Apprenticeship in Writing (Green)
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards
    Action: Deferred. While the committee is favorable toward the proposal, it requests that the department clarify the following:
    1) How is this course different from independent study?
    2) How does this fit into the graduate program?
    3) Is the purpose to provide more time for students to prepare work for publication, or is it to offer supervision for feedback on writing?
    4) Is this a way of accounting for faculty time?
    5) Does the department intend to have multiple faculty members teach this course, or will there be one designated faculty member?

12. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 900 - Seminar: Slavic Literature and Culture
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards
    Action: Unanimously approved.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{Biological Sciences} (none)
  \item \textbf{Physical Sciences} (none)
  \item \textbf{Social Studies}
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13. Consumer Science 635 - Estate Planning for Financial Planners
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards. The Law School and the Department of Accounting and Information Systems support the proposal.
    Action: The vote on a motion to approve the proposal was 8 yes and 3 no.
Wilkerson departed at approximately 2:45.

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14. Kinesiology 355 - Socio-Cultural Aspects of Physical Activity (Seidenberg)
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Proposal was deferred from November because of reviewer absence.
   Action: Deferred. The committee asks that the department address the following concerns: 1) The committee requests more information about the qualifications of the instructor. It would also be helpful to see the instructor’s c.v. 2) What is the long-term plan for the course; will an adjunct always teach this course or will faculty take over teaching of the course? 3) The committee is concerned about the academic rigor of the course.

15. Nuclear Engineering/Civil and Environmental Engineering/Industrial and Systems Engineering 460 - Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers
   Type of proposal: New course
   Note: The Department of Statistics supports the proposal.
   The Committee unanimously deferred a decision at the November 30 meeting. 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?
   Action: Unanimously approved

16. Population Health Sciences 663 - Writing for Scholarly Publication (Johnson) (Response from department forthcoming)
   Type of proposal: New course
   Note: Committee unanimously deferred a decision at the November 30 meeting. 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
   Action: After receiving additional information from the department and discussing the proposal further, the vote on a motion to approve the proposal was 0 yes and 10 no.
Course Proposals - Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Arts and Humanities

17. French 228 - Intermediate Language and Culture
   Type of proposal: Change in course description
   Current: Development of writing skills, study of traditional and evolving notions of culture in France and the francophone world, grammar review, vocabulary expansion. A required prerequisite for the French major.
   Proposed: Enhance writing and speaking proficiency through cultural readings on France and the francophone world. Review of grammar and focus on more complex grammatical structures. A required prerequisite for the French major.
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards.

18. History/Religious Studies 208 - Foundations of Western Religious and Intellectual History
   Type of proposal: Change in title, credits, course description, L&S breadth
   Current: Foundations of Western Religious and Intellectual History. 3 credits.
   Description: Discussion of the origins of important themes in the history of western thought, with emphasis on the rise of Athens in the 5th century B.C.; to "primitivism" in Hellenistic thought; and to issues in the Christian philosophy of history. L&S breadth> H
   Proposed: Western Intellectual and Religious History to 1500. 4 credits. Description: Survey of key themes in Western intellectual history and religious thought from ancient Greece through the Renaissance, focusing on relationships among classical, Jewish, and Christian traditions. L&S breadth> Z
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. The L&S curriculum committee has jurisdiction over the L&S breadth; the ad hoc interdivisional curriculum committee will only consider the other changes.

19. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 700 - Slavic Critical Theory and Practice
   Type of proposal: Change in course number, credits, course description
   Current: 700. 3 credits. Course description: [none]
   Proposed: 801. 2 credits. Course description: This course introduces students to the original works of major trends representing literary theory in the Slavic world and wider: formalism, materialism, structuralism, semiotics, deconstruction, psychoanalysis, gender-based theory and other relevant theories that have influenced the way we treat literature as a cultural and aesthetic practice.
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

20. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 704 - The Structure of Russian
   Type of proposal: Change in course number, credits, course description
   Current: 704. 3 credits. Course description: [none]
   Proposed: 802. 2 credits. Course description: This course provides advanced students...
with a theoretical and practical introduction to the linguistic structure of Contemporary Standard Russian.

Staff note: Proposal meets standards

21. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 706 - Old Church Slavic
   Type of proposal: Change in course number, title, credits, course description
   Current: 706 - Old Church Slavic, 3 credits. Course description: [none]
   Proposed: 803 – Introduction to Old Church Slavonic and the History of Russian Literary Language, 2 credits. Course description: This course introduces students with advanced competence in modern Russian to Old Church Slavonic (OCS) and its impact on the formation of Russian literary language.
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

22. Slavic (Slavic Languages) 818 - Methods of Teaching Slavic Languages
   Type of proposal: Change in course number, credits
   Current: 818. 3 credits.
   Proposed: 804. 2 credits.
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

23. Slavic 710, 730, 740, 770, 910, 920, 925, 930
   Type of proposals: Course discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposals meet standards

   **Biological Sciences** (none)

   **Physical Sciences**

24. Geoscience 371 - Principles of Economic Geology
   Type of proposal: Course discontinuation
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

   **Social Studies** (none)

   **General Business**

25. The committee began discussions surrounding its charge to make recommendations about UW-Madison credit policy, particularly with regard to those course components that don’t currently have established standards (field study, seminar, and independent study). The federal credit hour definition and current UW-Madison policy and practice are at: https://kb.wisc.edu/vesta/page.php?id=24558

26. Other business
27. Future meetings (note time change: meetings are scheduled from noon to 2:00): Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 10

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Poehling, Office of the Secretary of the Faculty