

University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee Minutes
Meeting Subtitle: "Indefinite Articles Will Be Struck Down"
1:00pm Monday, 23 February, 2015
Senate Conference Room

I. Opening business

- A. Meeting called to order at 1:05pm
- B. Welcome: New undergraduate student representative, Dustin Lavoie
- C. Regrets: Jaci Van Heest (sabbatical), Pamela Bedore (sabbatical), Jake Broccolo, Shayla Nunnally, Mike Darre, Maria Ana O'Donoghue
- D. Minutes of January 26 were e-approved.
- E. We will next meet 23 March
- F. Chair's Announcements:
 - Veronica Makowsky and Carol Polifroni will be here next meeting to discuss proposed actions from the Task Force on Civility.

II. Report of the Senate C&C Chair

- A. University Senate (E. Schultz) – The last meeting was snowed out. E. Schultz will be in NY for the next one, so M. Darre will be asked to attend.
- B. Senate Exec (E. Schultz) – It has become apparent that there is gap in communication between the Senate and the university at large when important curricular changes are made. In particular, information regarding the change in bylaws with regards to syllabi was not disseminated. Efforts are being made to correct this issue.
- C. GEOC (E. Schultz and K. Piantek) – E. Schultz distributed a draft revision of GEOC guidelines that incorporates language on the W quarantine, but it did not go out in time for discussion, so it will be considered at the GEOC meeting tomorrow. The Alignment project is underway, winners have been chosen for the Provost's Competition, and the GEOC is planning an Assessment for Digital Information Literacy.
- D. UICC (K. Piantek) – The UICC passed the addition of new study abroad course shells that the Senate C&C will review today. The UICC is developing its own alignment plan, but the committee requested changes to the initial plan that was presented. Chair Hedley will revisit this proposal. Eric Donkor will replace H. Freake after the Spring 2015 as UICC Chair.
- E. Curriculum Advisory ("workflow") group (M. Darre) – No report.

III. Other Committee Reports

- A. Growth and Development Committee (D. Mercier) – D. Mercier will forward minutes of the first two meetings to the group.
- B. Diversity (S. Nunnally) – S. Nunnally’s report was sent around to Senate C&C committee members. It conveyed the Diversity Committee’s concerns that efforts to increase diversity at UConn are not effective.
- C. Standing Honors Board (D. Hanink) – D. Hanink informed the committee about several courses passed by the Honors Board that will likely be coming through the Senate C&C in the future.
- D. Scholastic Standards (E. Schultz) – Bylaw revisions are being considered for both updating the admissions process as well as drop/add timelines, especially considering snow days and other extenuating factors. D. Lavoie voiced concerns about making changes that would affect students, but the committee confirmed that regulations about catalog years should keep that from being a problem for students.

IV. Old Business

- A. Revised 1000- and 2000-level courses:

1. **Tabled:** EKIN 1160 Courses in Lifetime Sports Program (title, description & designation)

Note: This course was tabled pending clarification of what revisions are being made. No updates have current been received.

V. New Business

- A. New 1000- and 2000-level courses:

1. Motion to add (K. Labadorf, M. Buck) DRAM 1215 Theatre Production: Makeup and Wardrobe for the Actor

Proposed Catalog Copy

DRAM 1215 Theatre Production: Makeup and Wardrobe for the Actor

Three credits. Two 2-hour lectures and running crew (lab) assignment. Open to Dramatic Arts majors, others by instructor consent.

Introduction to the technology, tools, and materials used in makeup and wardrobe for actors.

Discussion

- The committee made minor edits to catalog copy.
- The committee had questions about enrollment restrictions, specifically regarding DRAM majors versus instructor consent. The committee decided to vote and then verify the intentions with proposers. Subsequent to the meeting, Schultz confirmed that proposers would be happy with enrollment restriction that would require permission only for students who are not DM majors.
- There was a question about when catalog year graduation criteria take effect. M. Buck indicated that the new catalog takes effect after commencement weekend.

Motion to add DRAM 1215 passed unanimously.

2. Motion to add (M. Cantino, S. Martinez) DRAM 1216 Theatre Production: Lighting and Sound

Proposed Catalog Copy

DRAM 1216 Theatre Production: Lighting and Sound

Three credits. Two 2-hour lectures and running crew (lab) assignment. **Open to Dramatic Arts majors, others by instructor consent.**

Introduction to the technology, tools, and materials used in lighting and sound for the theatre.

Discussion

- There were again questions about enrollment restrictions. E. Schultz will verify the department's intentions with the proposer.
- The committee made minor edits to catalog copy.
- Subsequent to the meeting, Schultz confirmed that proposers would be happy with enrollment restriction that would require permission only for students who are not DM majors.

Motion to add DRAM 1216 passed unanimously.

3. Motion to add (S. Martinez, M. Buck) DRAM 1217 Theatre Production: Costumes and Makeup

Discussion

- The committee made minor edits to catalog copy.
- The committee questioned the difference between this course and DRAM 1215. It was noted that the required texts and materials are the same. The rationale specified that DRAM 1215 was for students pursuing an acting track, while DRAM 1217 is for students pursuing the technician track.
- The committee questioned if an enrollment restriction should be added. E. Schultz expressed concern that these may be substantive enough changes to warrant clarification before approval. The repercussions could entail things the department may not have considered.
- M. Buck suggested wording in the catalog description to direct students towards which course would be more appropriate depending on their track.

Motion to **table** (D. Hanink, M. Cantino) DRAM 1217 passed unanimously pending verification of the need/desire for an enrollment restriction.

4. NOT CONSIDERED: DRAM 1218 Theatre Production: Stagecraft

Note: Given the issues with the previous three courses, the committee decided to forego consideration of this course pending a discussion with the department.

5. Motion to add (K. Labadorf, S. Martinez) GEOG 2320 Climate Change: Current Geographical Issues

Proposed Catalog Copy

GEOG 2320 Climate Change: Current Geographic Issues

Three credits.

Introduction to the science, impacts, and politics of climate change from a geographic perspective. Examination of physical mechanisms, extreme weather events, impacts on water,

food and energy systems, impacts on polar regions, energy strategies and solutions, policy and negotiations, and mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Discussion

- E. Schultz has already contacted the proposer to see if there was consultation with other departments. The proposer confirmed that there was consultation with and approval from other departments.
- A grading scale is needed. E. Schultz will communicate this to the proposer.

Motion to add GEOG 2320 passed unanimously.

6. Motion to add (S. Martinez, D. Lavoie) JOUR 2111 Journalism Portfolio I: Multimedia Skills

Proposed Catalog Copy

JOUR 2111 Journalism Portfolio I: Multimedia Skills

One credit. Prerequisite: JOUR 2000W. Open to Journalism majors, others with permission.

Introduction to online and multimedia skills used by journalists; emphasis on ethical practices.

Students provided portfolio space on a department-maintained site.

Discussion

- E. Schultz communicated the need for a grading scale in the syllabus with the proposer already.

Motion to add JOUR 2111 passed unanimously.

B. Revised 1000- and 2000-level courses:

1. Motion to revise (M. Buck, S. Martinez) HEJS 1104 Modern Jewish Thought (Level and description change)

Note: The GEOC has reviewed this course and approved the proposed changes.

Current Catalog Copy

HEJS 1104 Modern Jewish Thought

(104) Three credits. Taught in English. May not be used to meet the foreign language requirement.

Nationalism, culture, ethics and philosophy in the writings of the major Jewish thinkers from Spinoza to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the work of Moses Mendelssohn, Nachman Krochmal, Ahad Haam, Hermann Cohen, Franz Rosenzweig, Martin Buber and Mordecai Kaplan.

Revised Catalog Copy

HEJS 2104 Modern Jewish Thought

(104). Three credits. Recommended preparation: HEJS 1103. **Not open for credit for students who have passed HEJS 1104.** Taught in English. May not be used to meet the foreign language requirement.

Nationalism, culture, ethics and philosophy in the writings of the major Jewish thinkers from Spinoza to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the work of Moses Mendelssohn, Hermann Cohen, Franz Rosenzweig, Martin Buber, Mordecai Kaplan, Judith Plaskow, and others.

Discussion

- Language on recommended preparation was omitted from description but was included in the curriculum action request form; Schultz confirmed with proposers that they would like it listed.
- The committee was confused by the inclusion of an A+ in the syllabus grading scale since this is not available to undergraduates. E. Schultz will communicate with the proposer about this.

- Subsequent to the meeting Piantek noted need for the 'not open for credit' clause.

Motion to revise HEJS 1104 passed unanimously.

- Approval for this revision was NOT reported to the Senate, because subsequent communication revealed that it had not been approved by the College.

2. Motion to revise (S. Martinez, M. Cantino) ACCT 2101 Principles of Managerial Accounting (Enrollment restriction)

Current Catalog Copy

ACCT 2101 Principles of Managerial Accounting

(200) Three credits. Prerequisite: ACCT 2001; open only to students who have been admitted to the School of Business. Not open to students who have passed or are taking BADM 2710 or 3710. Internal reporting to managers for use in planning and controlling operating systems, for use in decision making, formulating major plans and policies, and for costing products for inventory valuation and income determination.

Revised Catalog Copy

ACCT 2101 Principles of Managerial Accounting

(200) Three credits. Prerequisite: ACCT 2001; open only to Business majors of sophomore or higher status. Not open to students who have passed or are taking BADM 2710 or 3710.

Internal reporting to managers for use in planning and controlling operating systems, for use in decision making, formulating major plans and policies, and for costing products for inventory valuation and income determination.

Discussion

- E. Schultz asked the committee about use of the word of class "status" versus "standing." The committee did not see any issue with the way the description was currently worded, prompting the chair to comment on how the winter weather must have squelched the fires of opposition in the committee.
- The committee discussed the practical application of the requested enrollment restriction. The committee expressed some confusion, but D. Lavoie gave an insider's School of Business explanation that seemed to satisfy the doubts.

Motion to revise ACCT 2101 passed unanimously.

3. Motion to revise (S. Martinez, D. Lavoie) GEOG 1100 Globalization (Level and description)

Note: The GEOC has reviewed this course and approved the proposed changes.

Current Catalog Copy

GEOG 1100 Globalization

Three credits.

Linkages between spatial processes and social, cultural, economic, political and environmental change around the world today. Focus on theory and impacts of globalization through case studies at the local, regional, national and international scales. CA 2. CA 4-INT.

Revised Catalog Copy

GEOG 2000 Globalization

Three credits. Not open for credit for students who have passed GEOG 1100.

Globalization as a complex-multidimensional process. Linkages and interconnectedness between spatial processes and social, cultural, economic, political, and environmental change around the world today. Theory and impacts of economic, social, political, and cultural globalization through case studies at the local, regional, national, and international scales. CA 2. CA 4-INT.

Discussion

- E. Schultz has communicated with the proposers on the catalog language and enrollment restrictions. Proposers agreed to the removal of instructional pattern language. Enrollment restriction was added.
- D. Hanink asked about changing the number since the course is being offered in the summer. It was clarified that changes cannot be made in PeopleSoft once students have been enrolled, so changes for this course are set for implementation in Fall 2015.

Motion to revise GEOG 1100 to GEOG 2000 passed unanimously.

C. The General Education Oversight Committee recommends inclusion of the following existing course in Content Area 1 – Arts and Humanities:

1. Motion to add CA1 (D. Lavoie, S. Martinez) ART/AASI/INDS 3375 Indian Art and Popular Culture

Discussion

- The committee made minor edits to catalog copy.
- The committee questioned if the instructor's name should be removed. Not necessarily; there are some courses and/or departments that include this.

Motion to add CA1 to ART/AASI/INDS 3375 passed unanimously.

D. The General Education Oversight Committee recommends the following new 3000- and 4000-level course in the Writing (W) Competency:

1. Motion to add (K. Labadorf, D. Lavoie) ARTH 3575W Human Rights and Visual Culture

Proposed Catalog Copy

ARTH 3575W Human Rights and Visual Culture

Three credits. Three hours of lecture. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 OR 1011 OR 2011; Open only to sophomores or higher.

The problematics of visual representation and media in defining, documenting and visualizing human rights and humanitarianism from the 19th century birth of photography to 21st century social media.

Discussion

- Attendance is mentioned as graded in the syllabus, so E. Schultz will convey to proposer that this is not allowed and should be removed.

Motion to add ARTH 3575W passed unanimously.

2. Motion to add (D. Lavoie, M. Buck) HRTS 3200/W International Human Rights Law

Proposed Catalog Copy

HRTS 3200 International Human Rights Law

Three credits. Recommended preparation: HRTS 1007. Open to sophomores or higher. International and regional human rights law, institutions, and regimes; specialized topics include corporate social responsibility, women's human rights, truth commissions, humanitarian intervention, international criminal law, monitoring, and compliance.

HRTS 3200W International Human Rights Law

Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011. Recommended preparation: HRTS 1007. Open to sophomores or higher.

Discussion

- The committee made minor edits to catalog copy, specifically the addition of language on recommended preparation that was mentioned in the CAR.

Motion to add HRTS 3200/W passed unanimously.

3. Motion to add (M. Buck, M. Cantino) HRTS 3250/W Human Rights and New Technologies

Proposed Catalog Copy

HRTS 3250 Human Rights and New Technologies

Three credits. Recommended preparation: HRTS 1007. Open to sophomores or higher. The role of new technologies in the fulfillment, protection and enforcement of human rights; technology-related human rights benefits and risks, including privacy, security, and equality; technical and legal innovations for balancing benefits and risks.

HRTS 3250W Human Rights and New Technologies

Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011. Recommended preparation: HRTS 1007. Open to sophomores or higher.

Discussion

- The committee made minor edits to catalog copy, specifically the addition of language on recommended preparation that was mentioned in the CAR.

Motion to add HRTS 3250/W passed unanimously.

E. The General Education Oversight Committee recommends revision of the following existing 3000- or 4000-level course in the Writing (W) Competency:

1. Motion to revise (K. Labadorf, M. Cantino) EDLR 3547/W Introduction to Sport-Based Youth Development (Credit change)

Current Catalog Copy

EDLR 3547 Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development

(Formerly offered as EKIN 3547.) Three credits. Prerequisite: Open only by instructor consent; open to Sport Management majors only. *Bruening*

Requires reading, written journals, class discussion, and significant time out of class for community involvement in Hartford. Transportation is available.

EDLR 3547W Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development
(Formerly offered as EKIN 3547W.) Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011;
open only by instructor consent; open to Sport Management majors only.

Revised Catalog Copy

EDLR 3547 Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development
(Formerly offered as EKIN 3547.) Three credits. Prerequisite: Open only by instructor consent;
open to Sport Management majors only. Not open for credit for students who have passed EKIN
4300. Bruening
Requires reading, written journals, class discussion, and significant time out of class for
community involvement in Hartford. Transportation is available.

EDLR 3547W Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development
(Formerly offered as EKIN 3547W.) Four credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011; open
only by instructor consent; open to Sport Management majors only. Not open for credit for
students who have passed EKIN 4300.

Discussion

- The committee had some questions as to why the course warranted the extra credit.
- It was clarified that the non-W version is increasing the credit load as well.

Motion to revise EDLR 3547/W passed unanimously.

F. The University Interdisciplinary Courses Committee (UICC) recommends approval of the following new UNIV courses:

1. Motion to add (D. Lavoie, S. Martinez) UNIV 1983 International Study

Proposed Catalog Copy

UNIV 1983 International Study

Credits and hours by arrangement. May be repeated for credit (to a maximum of 17).

Course work undertaken within approved study abroad programs. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

Discussion

- The committee asked who approves these accreditations. The UICC Chair, currently Hedley Freake, reviews the syllabi and approves courses for the UNIV and INTD designations.

Motion to add UNIV 1983 passed unanimously.

2. Motion to add (D. Lavoie, S. Martinez) UNIV 2983 International Study

Proposed Catalog Copy

UNIV 2983 International Study

Credits and hours by arrangement. May be repeated for credit (to a maximum of 17).

Course work undertaken within approved study abroad programs. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

Discussion

- No discussion.

Motion to add UNIV 2983 passed unanimously.

3. Motion to add (S. Martinez, D. Lavoie) UNIV 2993 International Study

Proposed Catalog Copy

UNIV 2993 International Study

Credits and hours by arrangement. May be repeated for credit (to a maximum of 17).

Course work undertaken within approved study abroad programs.

Discussion

- No discussion.

Motion to add UNIV 2993 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Attendees: Eric Schultz (Chair), Dean Hanink, Marianne Buck, Marie Cantino, Kathy Labadorf, Samuel Martinez, Dan Mercier, Dustin Lavoie (undergrad rep)

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Piantek