

University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee

Minutes

10:15am Thursday, 17 April, 2014

Senate Meeting Room

I. **Opening business**

- A. Meeting called to order at 10:18am
- B. Regrets: Pam Bedore, Casey Cobb
- C. Minutes of 13 March meeting were approved by e-vote
- D. We will next meet Fall 2014; Pam Bedore will assume the role of Chair; Eric Schultz will resume the role of Chair in the Spring 2015 while Pam Bedore is on sabbatical.

II. **Report of the Senate C&C Chair**

- A. University Senate – Syllabus motion was approved.
- B. Senate Exec – Nothing to report.
- C. GEOC – GEOC will be working with SEC to review issues with Freshmen English (now called First Year English). One proposed solution might be to require students who are waived from First Year English to take an extra W course earlier than their junior or senior year.
- D. UICC – Nothing to report
- E. Curriculum Advisory (“workflow”) group – Nothing new to report. The ANSC group will meet May 2nd.

III. **Other Committee Reports**

- A. Growth and Development Committee – Nothing to Report.
- B. Diversity (R. H. Chinchilla) – The committee met with the Dean of Graduate Studies who explained how they were trying to bring in diverse students and help them complete their studies. They are specifically working to identify programs where UConn could recruit diverse candidates. They are looking strongly at STEM, but also the social sciences and humanities as well. There was also some discussion of the Outstanding Multi-Cultural Student Program (OMSP).
- C. Standing Honors Board – Nothing to Report.

IV. **Old Business**

A. New 1000- or 2000-level courses:

1. MUSI 3421 Music in World Cultures

Note: This course was tabled and the proposer has been contacted regarding the following two issues: 1) Why a 3000-level course is not available for credit for students who have completed a 1000-level course, and 2) What provisions are being made for instruction of W students in the blended W and non-W course. No response as of 4/17/14. **This course will be removed from the Senate C&C agenda.**

B. GEOC recommends approval of the following courses for inclusion in Content Area 1 – Arts and Humanities:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-88** (D. McDonald, M. Darre) ARTH 1140 Introduction to Asian Art

Current Catalog Copy

1140 Introduction to Asian Art
(140) Three credits.

Survey of art and its social context in China, India and Japan from prehistoric times to the present.

Revised Catalog Copy

1140 Introduction to Asian Art
3 credits. 3 hours lecture.

Asian art and architecture from prehistory to the present. Asian artistic practices as well as transcultural artistic connections in Asia and beyond.

Discussion

The syllabus needs a grading scale.

Motion **SENCC1314-88** passed.

C. The GEOC recommends approval of the following new 3000- and 4000-level courses in the W Competency:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-89** (M. Darre, K. Labadorf) ANSC 3317W Scientific Writing in Endocrinology of Farm Animals

Proposed Catalog Copy

3317W Scientific Writing in Endocrinology of Farm Animals
One credit. One class period. Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011; Open to juniors or higher. Co-requisite: ANSC 3316.

A writing intensive class integrated with course content in Endocrinology of Farm Animals.

Discussion

It was confirmed that the Co-req has been approved by the college. ENGL 3800 was removed from the prereqs.

Motion **SENCC1314-89** passed.

2. Motion # **SENCC1314-90** (K. Labadorf, M. Buck) ENGL 3207W American Literature since the Mid-Twentieth Century

1. *Proposed Catalog Copy*

3207W American Literature since the Mid-Twentieth Century

Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011; open to sophomores or higher.

Formal and thematic developments in American literature since the mid-twentieth century and its engagement with cultural shifts in this period.

Discussion

There was a question as to whether the course would only be taught in Torrington. Business courses often specify the campus at which they are taught. This is more important for a Gen Ed like this course. There is precedent for Ws being offered at only certain campuses, though. There was a suggestion that language be added to catalog to indicate location; M. Buck indicated that she will call and ask the proposers to verify where the course will be offered. Assessment rubrics and a grading scale are needed in the syllabus. ENGL 3800 was removed from the prereqs.

Motion **SENCC1314-90** passed.

2. Motion # **SENCC1314-91** (M. Darre, D. McDonald) MCB 3602W Introduction to Bioinformatic Tools for Microbial Genome Annotation

Proposed Catalog Copy

3602W Introduction to Bioinformatic Tools for Microbial Genome Annotation

One credit. One 2-hour computer lab period. Prerequisite: MCB 2000 OR 2610 OR 3010; ENGL 1010 OR 1011 OR 2011.

Analysis of microbial genome sequences using computational tools to examine metabolic pathways and genetic features as they relate to an organism's lifestyle. Writing assignments utilize information gathered from the relevant scientific literature and students' analyses of genome-derived information.

Discussion

ENGL 3800 was removed from the prereqs.

Motion **SENCC1314-91** passed.

3. Motion # **SENCC1314-92** (M. Darre, D. Hanink) POLS 3239W Politics of the Environment and Development

Proposed Catalog Copy

3239 Politics of the Environment and Development

Three credits. Open to juniors and higher. Recommended Preparation: POLS 1202 or 1207.

Politics of the environment and development with a focus on environmental issues in developing countries.

POLS 3239W Politics of the Environment and Development

Three credits. Open to juniors and higher. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Recommended Preparation: POLS 1202 or 1207.

Discussion

The course will have both W and non-W versions. The committee felt there was some redundancy in catalog description but opted not to make any revisions.

Motion **SENCC1314-92** passed.

D. The GEOC recommends revision of the following 3000- and 4000-level courses in the W Competency:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-93** (M. Buck, D. McDonald) COMM 4220W Small Group Communication (prerequisites)

Current Catalog Copy

4220W Small Group Communication

Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 3200 or instructor consent; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 3800; open to juniors or higher. Recommended preparation: COMM 3100.

Approaches, methods, and findings of research in small group communication and development of an ability to engage effectively in small group situations.

Revised Catalog Copy

4220W Small Group Communication

Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 3100 or COMM 3200; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011; open to juniors or higher.

Approaches, methods, and findings of research in small group communication and development of an ability to engage effectively in small group situations.

Discussion

It was noted that the rationale for the action requested doesn't seem to make sense as written, although the committee understood the gist: students are coming in without the needed preparation to take the course.

Motion **SENCC1314-93** passed.

E. The GEOC recommends deletion of the following 3000- and 4000-level courses in the W Competency:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-94** (M. Buck, M. A. O'Donoghue) ENGL 3011W Publishing

Discussion

None.

Motion **SENCC1314-94** passed.

2. Motion # **SENCC1314-95** (K. Labadorf, M. McDonald) MCB 3601W Physiology of Archaea and Bacteria

Discussion

None.

Motion **SENCC1314-95** passed.

V. **New Business**

A. Motion # **SECCC1314-96** (J. Ogbar, M. A. O'Donoghue) Report of General Education Oversight Committee's 2013-2014 Alignment Review

Discussion

The committee asked what happens with courses that do not align. This is unclear, but the feeling is that Sally Reis should be notified. The next phase of the process is to decide what recourse there is when a course does not align. It is not known whether GEOC has power to withdraw Gen Ed status; M. Buck indicated there was precedent for decommissioning a Gen Ed course; W and Q courses had to reapply for Gen Ed status at one point in the GEOC's history when revisions were made to the guidelines.

Motion **SECCC1314-96** to accept the report as submitted passed.

B. New 1000- or 2000-level courses:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-97** (K. Labadorf, D. McDonald) MUSI 1107 Steel Pan Ensemble

Proposed Catalog Copy

1107 Steel Pan Ensemble

One credit. Two- hour rehearsal and one sectional weekly.

Performance of a repertoire that varies from the traditional calypso and soca styles of Trinidad and Tobago to today's pop music. No previous musical experience required.

Discussion

The committee felt there was no need to specify that the course had no prereqs, so this was removed from the description.

Motion **SENCC1314-97** passed.

2. Motion # **SENCC1314-98** (J. Ogbar, M. A. O'Donoghue) MEM 2212 Introduction to Manufacturing Systems Lab

Proposed Catalog Copy

2212 Introduction to Manufacturing Systems Lab

One credit. One 3-hour lab per week. Prerequisites: MEM 2211, which may be taken concurrently; enrollment restricted to Management and Engineering majors.

Introduction to the steps required for manufacturing. Students will move from a part sketch, to an engineering drawing, to a drawing using state-of-the-art CAD software. Students will build both a prototype and an improved final model of the part, which are required to be of different materials. One or more site visits are included as parts of this laboratory, for students to gain exposure to operational manufacturing facilities.

Discussion

The course content is in line with current trends and technologies.

Motion **SENCC1314-98** passed.

C. Revised 1000- or 2000-level courses:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-99** (M. Buck, C. Grant) URBN 2000W Introduction to Urban Studies (Name change)

Current Catalog Copy

2000W Introduction to Urban Studies

(230W) Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800.

Introduction to the analysis of urban development with particular stress on those problems pertinent to the American central city.

Revised Catalog Copy

2000W Introduction to Urban and Community Studies

(230W) Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Introduction to the analysis of urban development with particular stress on those problems pertinent to the American central city.

Discussion

None.

Motion **SENCC1314-99** passed.

2. Motion # **SENCC1314-100** (M. A. O'Donoghue, K. Labadorf) AH 2001 Medical Terminology (Permissions)

Current Catalog Copy

AH 2001 Medical Terminology

One credit. Prerequisite: Open to students in the Department of Allied Health Sciences and OSH concentration majors, others by instructor consent.

Introduction and mastery of medical terminology through presentation of word roots, prefixes and suffixes.

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AH 2001 Medical Terminology

One credit. Prerequisite: Open to students in the Department of Allied Health Sciences and Health Systems Management majors, others by instructor consent.

Introduction and mastery of medical terminology through presentation of word roots, prefixes and suffixes.

Discussion

The committee question why OSH had been dropped; the program has been moved.

Motion **SENCC1314-100** passed. The committee recognized and applauded passing the 100-motion mark.

- D. Deleted 1000- or 2000-level courses:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-101** (J. Ogbar, M. Buck) PLSC 1000 Orientation to Plant Science and Landscape Architecture

Discussion

None.

Motion **SENCC1314-101** passed.

E. For the information of the Senate Curricula and Courses Committee and University Senate, the Senate C&C Chair approved offering the following 1000- or 2000-level Special Topics and Variable Topics courses for one session in the Fall 2014:

1. ANSC 2695 Special Topics: Probiotics and Prebiotics
2. ART 2995 Special Topics: Visible Language
3. ARTH 2198 Variable Topics: Monsters and Marvels in Medieval Art

F. New S/U Graded course:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-102** (M. A. O'Donoghue, D. McDonald) NUSC 3291 Nutritional Sciences Internship

Proposed Catalog Copy

3291 Nutritional Sciences Internship

Variable (1-3) credits. Hours by arrangement. Prerequisite: NUSC 1165 and 2200. Open to juniors or higher; open to Nutritional Science majors with consent of department head. May be repeated for credit up to a maximum of 6 credits. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

Discussion

E. Schultz received permission to add text about permission of the department head with the proposers prior to the meeting.

Motion **SENCC1314-102** passed.

G. GEOC recommends approval of the following course for inclusion in Content Area 1 – Arts and Humanities:

1. ANTH 3450W Anthropological Perspectives on Art
Note: The W subcommittee has not yet reviewed this course, and there is no non-W version of it, so the Senate C&C will wait to review.

H. GEOC recommends revision of the following 3000- or 4000-level course within the W competency:

1. Motion # **SENCC1314-103** (J. Ogbar, M. Buck) EKIN 3300W Sport in Society (Prefix change)

Current Catalog Copy

EKIN 3300W Sport in Society

Fall. 3 credits. Prerequisite: SOCI 1001 or 1001W, or SOCI 1251 or 1251W; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800; open only to students in Kinesiology programs.

Sport as an institution. Sociological issues involving gender, race and intercollegiate, professional, and children's sports.

Revised Catalog Copy

EDLR 3300W Sport in Society

3 credits. Prerequisite: SOCI 1001 or 1001W, or SOCI 1251 or 1251W; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011; open only to students in Sport Management programs.
Sport as an institution. Sociological issues involving gender, race and intercollegiate, professional, and children's sports.

Discussion

None.

Motion **SENCC1314-103** passed.

I. Additional Report:

R. H. Chinchilla reported on an issue with the AIRF/MISI department in which students who had been deployed overseas for a certain amount of time were being given credit for Gen Ed courses without actually taking them. About four courses in American Studies and some in Maritime Studies were affected. The website advertising this has since been changed and the practice will no longer occur.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28am

Attendees: Eric Schultz (Chair), Marianne Buck, Michael Darre, Deborah McDonald, Dean Hanink, Jeffrey Ogbar, Maria Ana O'Donoghue, Cody Grant, Kathleen Labadorf, Rosa Helena Chinchilla

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Piantek