

**College of Liberal and Applied Arts
COLLEGE COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: December 14, 2009

Time/Location: 2:30 p.m., Ferguson 172

Attending: Steve Taaffe, Ty Spradley, John Dahmus, Owen Sith, Perry Moon, Jeff Roth, John McDermott, Julie Harrelson Stephens, Wilma Cordova, Rhiannon Fante, Ken Collier, and Ericka Hoagland (for Steven Marsden)

Michael Martin, Kevin West, and Jerry Williams present to discuss curricular proposals.

Minutes:

Council chair Perry Moon opens the meeting at 3:15. Approval of minutes from November 16, 2009 meeting pending committee's review of minutes to be sent to members on December 15, 2009.

Central business of the meeting focused on curricular proposals from English and Geography.

1. REL 300: proposed course will replace ENG 300 (Sacred Texts and Traditions); new proposal addressed committee's need to see a more developed proposal for the course. Discussion regarding prefix ensued: prefix will signal the interdisciplinarity of the Religious Studies minor, which is a part of the Interdisciplinary Studies program. Owen Smith suggested simplifying item #1 in the Course Learning Goals of the REL 300 proposal. Language of item #1 is modified from "know the worldviews . . .," to "Students will become acquainted with the worldviews . . ."
John McDermott motions to accept proposal; Owen Smith seconds. Motion **PASSES** unanimously.
 - a. Mike Martin adds that before ENG 301 is deleted that the proposal for REL 300 be forwarded. John McDermott moves to accept; Owen Smith seconds. Motion **PASSES** unanimously.
2. ENG 235: Course deletion. John McDermott moves to accept course deletion; Owen Smith seconds. Motion **PASSES** unanimously.
3. GEO 400: Internship in Geography. Jerry Williams notes that Sociology and Anthropology also have internships; this suggested course will create parallelism in the program. Noted that the proposal needs to be modified to mirror the syllabus. Ken Collier moves to accept proposal with modifications; John McDermott seconds. Motion **PASSES** unanimously.
4. Briefly noted that the proposals for PSC and CSJ will be tabled until next year.
5. SOC 310, 311, and 312: three one-credit hour professional development seminars to be added as a requirement for the GEO major. John McDermott moves to approve proposals; Wilma Cordova seconds. Motion **PASSES** with nine in favor; 1 against; 1 abstention.
6. Professor Moon then discusses concerns regarding the review timetable for third year and tenure year packets, as numbers for both will increase next year. Discussion follows regarding the amount of time allotted to the review committee to read

binders, as well as the amount of material included in the packets, and general uniformity for the dossiers. These concerns will be further addressed during the spring college council meetings, as will the council's constitution, the expectations and procedures for curricular proposals, and the workload policy.

7. John McDermott moves to adjourn; Julie Harrelson Stephen seconds. Motion to adjourn **PASSES** unanimously.