

October 26, 2012

In Attendance: Dan Greenberg, Yiorgos Vassilandonakis, Beverly Diamond, Ben Fraser, Cathy Boyd, Terence Bowers, Kelley White, Anthony Greene, Jin-Hong Park, Frank Czwazka, Doug Friedman, Renee McCauley, Mark del Mastro, Jenifer Kopfman.

Discussion of Proposals:

- African American Studies proposal has passed.
- Public Health Proposal:

Two committee members remarked that the writing requirement seemed thin.

Reply: Requirements were transferred from previous courses requirements to the new ones . A suggestion can be made to the Dept.

Dan: Lets keep this in mind for future proposals (writing requirements).

- Public Health proposal passed.
- Hispanic Studies Proposal:

Questions that came up: Would different course subtitles appear on student transcripts?

Registrar: This has been discussed.

Spain and Latin American offerings would be offered and made sure they are reflected in transcripts. We're happy to take care of logistics.

Registrar: This is largely a browser issue.

A common issue in Humanities; issue whether it can be repeated. It needs to be done manually.

This becomes an issue for the Dept. Chairs, to make sure each instance is different enough to count as a different course.

Some committee members expressed concern whether even if a current Dept. chair agreed to so so, if it would carry over verbally to the next person appointed.

Registrar mentioned that with special topics courses in some majors there isn't room to have these courses repeated more than once.

The maximum number of repeats is 3.

Dan mentioned we could add language about only repeating a course if the topic is different, and add permission of Dept. provision for all 333 courses in Hispanic Studies.

Resolution: Pass, provided changes are made and included before Senate meeting date. Committee voted AYE.

- Arts Proposal:

Deactivation of 118, new course exhibition, create one section only for majors.

Registrar clarified that there will be a restriction in the registration system so that only majors can see those sections as available (non-majors will see them as closed to them).

Committee members expressed concern that this could set a precedent of setting aside sections for majors only. The topic was discussed at length, with some committee members not finding this a problem, as it can allow students to ensure placement in courses they need to fulfil their major. Other committee members felt this would create sections of different levels (the ones for majors attracting better students), which could create academic issues down the line. It was decided that this is an issue that will be left up to the individual Departments, and not an issue to be tackled by the FCC. We will monitor it as a potential future concern, and we can decide whether the FCC will step in in the future.

Resolution: Proposal passes.

- Chemistry Proposal:

Some deficiencies need to be remediated.

Committee members asked whether approval from the department of Biology was needed, as it may affect and attract Biology majors. Should there be a request for approval from the Math Dept as well?

Support from other Department is asked when there's significant impact on enrollment across departments. It is more of a request for consent, rather than approval.

Assistant Provost mentioned that Chem and Biochem are one Dept. Lets push the proposal forward and ask if they have consulted each other. These courses have been running already.

Also support should be requested from Math.

It was argued that the courses proposed don't impact Math, since there's no Math prerequisite (Math 101 is a co-requisite). Students get placed in Math by SAT scores after review of which a recommendation is made. A committee member expressed concern that Chem and Biology also seem to have low or no writing component. Department representative replied that there are oral presentations in lieu of that.

Resolution: Chem proposal Passes.

Committee members raised the issue of the vast amount of paperwork in the Public Health Proposal. Should we have a special form for cross listing?

Registrar clarified that the courses proposed were new courses, not cross-listed.

Assistant Provost suggested we find ways to line up course outcomes.

Registrar: If only one course exists, you need a course proposal for the other instance of it before cross-listing them. There needs to be a full process archived for each and every course, along with its history (when it was passed etc). This creates the identity of each course in the system.

Resolution: We cannot streamline crosslisting of courses, because of the Registrar course creation and documentation process.

- FCC Composition

It was suggested we reduce the members of the FCC because it has been hard to fill the seats. We would like to have representatives from every school to maintain diversity.

Vote was taken: 4 voted for maintaining the size of FCC, 1 voted to reduce the size.

Resolution: FCC remains as is.

- Minutes of 9/14 meeting were approved with minor typographical corrections.