Annual Record for FYE Committee (2020-2021)

Members: Louise Doire, Jay Forsythe, Amy Kolak, Jen Kopfman, Brumby McLeod, Cass Runyon, Page Keller, Lynne Ford, Sarah Owens, Dustin Roberts

Added 1/29/2021 - Ralph Muldrow, Melantha Ardrey

Annual Report of Activity

Summary of Activities: During the fall semester of 2020 the FYE Committee met and reviewed several proposals for future FYE courses. Most were approved without an issue, however, some needed revisions and with the assistance of Dr. Owens. The committee met during the spring semester 2021 to solidify a few proposals that still needed revisions and to discuss the summer deferral process.

Record of Meetings

FYE Faculty Committee
January 29, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Page Keller, Amy Kolak, , Sarah Owens, Cass Runyon, Dustin Roberts, Lynne Ford, Ian O’Byrne, Jay Forsythe, Jen Kopfman, Ralph Muldrow, Melantha Ardrey

Not Present
Brumby McLeod

Proposals Reviewed
Walters - JWST - The Exotic “Other” American Life and Culture
Very timely
Good concept
Perhaps clarify in the description what is meant by “other.” It doesn’t come in until the end of the proposal.
ACCEPTED

LC - Carens and Glenn - Visual Culture: Page and Screen
How often do you get two classes from the same department? It has happened, it is acceptable.
Needs more in the proposal about how the classes would intertwine. Make that connection more specific.

_ACCEPTED WITH REVISIONS_

_Lavelle - Food for Thought_
Considerations of an equity lens on this.
Food courses are very popular
_ACCEPTED WITH REVISIONS_

_LC - Futrelle & Lavelle - In the Mood for Food_
_ACCEPTED WITH REVISIONS_

_Turner - The Human Body: Beyond Dis-Ability_
Great course. Great focus.
Good stand alone course.
Add to LC
_ACCEPTED_

_Van Arnhem - AR You Experienced: Augmented & Virtual Reality for Travel & Adventure_
Great course. Valued by the students.
_ACCEPTED_

**Discussion of Policy**
Absence Policy
Change in attendance policy approved
We’ll move the max absence allowed from 4 to 3

**FYE Faculty Committee**
**December 3, 2020**
**Zoom Meeting**
Page Keller, Amy Kolak, Brumby McLeod, Sarah Owens, Cass Runyon, Dustin Roberts, Louise Doire, Lynne Ford

_Not Present_
Ian O’Byrne, Jay Forsythe, Jen Kopfman
Louise Doire announced her retirement from the College at the end of the meeting. She will be leaving at the end of December, and therefore, the FYE Faculty Committee will need to find a replacement for her for next semester.

**Proposals Reviewed**

*LeVasseur - The Problems and Perils of Agriculture: Growing Regenerative Solutions in the 21st Century*

Good course description
Some suggestions to change title to possibly make it more appealing to students, perhaps something like, “Food for Thought” or possibly flipping the title so that “Growing Regenerative Solutions” comes first.

ACCEPTED

*Oladimeji & Hunt - Learning Community - Engineering: Perspectives and Communication*

Technical writing with ENGL 110 will be more of a focus for this LC. It does seem that this is highlighted in the proposal and while committee members agreed that this is important, they agreed that it should not be the only writing done.

ACCEPTED

*Keneman & Hargrave - Learning Community - French Culture and the City of Charleston*

Committee members were very positive about the course
Great description and assignments
Expected to be well-received by students

ACCEPTED

**Critical Conversations Proposals Reviewed**

*Martin & Day - Learning Community - Black Lives*

Responded well to feedback they received when proposal was evaluated for regular FYE program. They addressed it by providing much more detailed information about the variety of assignments that will be done in this course.

ACCEPTED

*Frazier - The 1967 Legacy and Beyond*

There was some discussion about the proposed title. Some wondered if students would appreciate the significance of the year, 1967. However, it was agreed that providing the year alone was provocative and would draw students to read the course description where the significance is made clear.
Jakes - Race, Gender, and the Body
Positive reaction to this course; it is anticipated that it will be of great interest to students as students are very interested in ideas associated with body image.
ACCEPTED

Hakobyan - Latinxs in Film
Important topic especially given the little attention that is given to this particular group even though the hispanic population is more represented on campus than some other groups.
ACCEPTED

Hagood - Schooled: Exploring Anti-Racism, Inclusion, and Equity Through Children’s Literature
Instructor proposed two titles; committee suggested going with the first title as it might be more captivating and interesting to students.
Many interesting readings included.
Great idea to work with elementary and middle school teachers for students to do projects.
ACCEPTED

Slater - Queer Questions: LGBTQ+ Historical Identities
A question was raised about the deliverable project; however, it appears that there will be an oral history project conducted in collaboration with the Addlestone Library.
ACCEPTED

Shanes - Deconstructing the Nations: Politics, Identity, and Race in Modern Times
It is a very timely topic and this proposal comes at the topic from a unique perspective.
ACCEPTED

FYE Faculty Committee
November 18, 2020
Zoom Meeting
Page Keller, Amy Kolak, Brumby McLeod, Sarah Owens, Cass Runyon, Dustin Roberts, Jay Forsythe, Jen Kopfman, Ian O’Byrne

Not Present
Louise Doire, Lynne Ford
Proposals Reviewed

Williams - Hurricanes and Their Impact on Society
Wonderfully complete proposal
Set up a library guide that goes on the page
Perhaps connect with Library Guides https://libguides.library.cofc.edu/readinglists
ACCEPTED

Moorman - From Gullah to Gujarati to Guaraní: Multilingualism and Multiculturalism Throughout the World
Good focus on multilingualism and diversity of culture
An excellent description of specifics about assignments
Engaging, and focus on student learning
Course is thoughtful and thorough
ACCEPTED

FYE Faculty Committee
November 5, 2020
Zoom Meeting
Lynne Ford, Page Keller, Amy Kolak, Brumby McLeod, Sarah Owens, Cass Runyon, Dustin Roberts, Louise Doire

Not Present
Jay Forsythe, Jen Kopfman

Committee Business
Will delete old info from FAM as per communication from Simon:

“I was just working my way through the FAM this morning (as one does!) and came across what looks like a completely redundant paragraph pertaining to the Advisory Committee on the First-Year Experience, which goes as follows: c. Implementation: The Advisory Committee on the First-Year Experience shall be constituted only if the Provost and the Speaker of the Faculty certify in a written notice addressed to the members of the Faculty Senate that a coordinated, comprehensive, and unified First Year Experience program has received the necessary approvals
and shall be implemented in a timely fashion. Such written notice shall be supplied no later than August 15, 2009, or the ratification for which Art. VI, Section 1 provides shall be null and void and this committee description shall be removed from the Faculty By-Laws. I mentioned this to Deanna and she suggested that a request to remove the paragraph ought to come from the committee to the By-Laws/FAM Committee. The paragraph’s not doing any harm, but if the FYE committee were happy to see it go, I think we should probably drop it from the FAM. Hope you guys are both doing well. Yours, Simon”

Proposal Resubmits from Critical Conversations Proposals

Proposals Reviewed
LeVasseur - Inclusive Visions of Sustainability for the 21st Century
Good description. Good title. Good details in the course description to indicate what students will do.
ACCEPTED

Wilhelm & London - Learning Community - Understanding the “I” in Identity
Solid, detailed overview and discussion.
ACCEPTED

Koerner & Junglas - Learning Community - Sprechen Sie Business Tech? German Technology in South Carolina and Beyond
Questions about how accessible is this for incoming freshmen. Questions about the prerequisites in the departments and programs.
Sarah will ask about points to add to the description and questions about software standing.
STILL IN REVIEW. PRELIMINARY ACCEPT.

Marshall - Physics of Minecraft
Good title. Will likely have no problems with enrollment.
ACCEPTED

Lowe - “Who Do Voodoo? We all Do! Exploring Magic and Ritual in Religions Familiar and Strange”
Good title. Creative course.
ACCEPTED

Principe - Connecting with Nature in the Modern World
Connects well with the QEP
Good description and title.
ACCEPTED

*Maness & McLean - Planes, plagues, and politics: What’s globalization got to do with public health?*
Very timely.
Well organized and written proposal.
ACCEPTED

*Covert - Destinations*
Good examination of the proposals that come from the FLASC
Questions about more detail in the assignments
Possible pull in ideas about “tourism, climate change, and disaster capitalism” in the title
STIL IN REVIEW. PRELIMINARY ACCEPT.

*Chapman & Garcia - Drawing as Record Keeping: A Journey through Latin America and The Caribbean*
A good class and focus for incoming students.
Opportunities for good visual synthesis.
Description is a bit long, dry, could use details.
Sarah will work with them on making it a bit more succinct.
This should fill up quickly as it’ll fill the needs for some geneds
STILL IN REVIEW. PRELIMINARY ACCEPT.

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**FYE Faculty Committee**
**October 21, 2020**
**Zoom Meeting**
Lynne Ford, Page Keller, Amy Kolak, Brumby McLeod, Sarah Owens, Cass Runyon, Dustin Roberts, Jay Forsythe, Jen Kopfman

*Not Present*
Louise Doire

*Proposals Reviewed*
*Reid-Short - Psychology of Travel*
Possibilities of travel in current contexts
Good proposal
Interesting class and great readings
ACCEPTED

*Martin & Day - Black Lives*
Learning objectives could use some work to better connect the classes in the community
Perhaps include the Avery Research Center?
Perhaps include some evidence of possible activities that might be explored
Assessing the learning objectives seemed a bit vague
TENTATIVELY APPROVED WITH REVISIONS

**Discussed Critical Conversations**
Proposal
Call from Provost’s Office
Proposal is approved and will be sent out this week.

**Discussed Academic Planning Task Force Notice**
How could the Fall COVID absence policy be modified for enforcement and/or grade reduction?
Discussed new opportunities to engage and connect with faculty and students

**FYE Faculty Committee**
September 17, 2020
Zoom Meeting
Louise Doire, Lynne Ford, Page Keller, Amy Kolak, Brumby McLeod, Sarah Owens, Cass Runyon, Dustin Roberts

*Not Present*
Jay Forsythe
Jen Kopfman

**Meeting Notes**
Link to the FYE Teams account

**Proposals Reviewed**
Styles - Black Lives Matter in the Hispanic World
For the spring of 2020
Perhaps connect with Renard Harris and the Office of Diversity for connections
Perhaps pull in language about “blackness being hidden” into the title
ACCEPTED