

The University of Connecticut
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Committee on Curricula and Courses

Draft (January 9, 2001) Minutes of the 12 December 2000 Meeting

The Committee was called to order in Room 162 Dodd Center, at 3:36pm. Present were Jocelyn Linnekin (Anthropology), Jane Knox (Chemistry), Veronica Makowsky (Associate Dean, CLAS), Sjeff van den Berg (COMS), Kentwood Wells (EEB), John Manning (English), Dean Hanink (Geography), Norman Gray (Geology), Frank Costigliola (History), James O'Donnell (Marine Sciences, Chair), Gerald Leibowitz (Mathematics), Tom Terry (MCB), Roger Travis (MCL), Thomas Bontly (Philosophy), William Hines (Physics), William Chapple (PNB), Robert Henning (Psychology), Arnie Dashevsky (Sociology), and Mary Crawford (Women's Studies). F. Weidauer (MCL) was present early in the meeting to support agenda item #2001-38.

1. Preliminaries

- a. Rob Henning was appointed secretary *pro tem*.
- b. The [revised minutes of the 14 November](#) meeting will be posted on the web and approved via e-mail.
- c. Comments on the Registrar's proposal for a generic curriculum change form. (TABLED)
- d. The Chair distributed copies of written commentary generated by individuals, departments, and department curriculum and courses committees on the GER revision proposal sent to the University Senate.
- e. Chair's report on 298 proposals:

i. **LING 298**, Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language, was not approved after reservations were again voiced that such a course seems appropriate to the School of Education but not to this college. Since no representative from Linguistics could speak on its behalf, this proposal was again tabled.

2. Old Business

[2001-38](#). A revised proposal to change the prerequisite for German 220. F. Weidauer (MCL), the current instructor for the course, provided additional detail about the proposal. Approved.

Approved Catalog Copy

220. German Recitation in Applied Mechanics

First semester. One credit. One class period. Prerequisite or corequisite: [GERM 133](#) or equivalent.

Technical German in engineering through the basic concepts and problem solving techniques used in applied mechanics.

3. New Business

2001-67 "Required Preparation"

A moratorium was proposed on the need for proposals to this Committee to eliminate the designation "required preparation" in order to accommodate the PeopleSoft data base system that is being implemented university-wide.

Approved Motion:

That CLAS C&CC grant a moratorium on the need for CLAS C&CC approval for courses that are changed from "required preparation" to: "prerequisite," "prerequisite or co-requisite" and "recommended preparation." This moratorium only applies to such changes for the 2001-2002 *Undergraduate Catalog*. In addition, the moratorium only applies to changing required preparation courses; no other changes (such as adding new courses with prerequisites) may be made without CLAS C&CC approval.

Anywhere the statement "may be taken concurrently" exists in the present catalog must be changed for the upcoming catalog.

Requests for these changes can be e-mailed directly to the registrar from each department head before January 16th.

2001-68 Discussion of the GER revision proposal to the Senate

A letter from Ross McKinnon, Dean of CLAS, to Jim O'Connell, Chair CLAS C&CC was circulated and discussed. Dean McKinnon requests that CLAS C&CC take a positive role in improving GERs at UConn.

A general discussion followed about the weaknesses and strengths of the GER revision proposal and how best to serve in the role requested by the Dean of CLAS. It was decided that two committees should be formed; one to address issues/concerns/shortcomings in the present proposal and another to identify strengths, and wherever possible, appropriate alternatives. The membership of the committees and their contact information is as follows:

GER Proposal Critique (both positive and negative)

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Both subcommittees will attempt to generate working documents for circulation prior to the Feb 13th meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Henning, Sec'y *pro tem*