

**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Curricula & Courses
Minutes of the 13 November 2001 Meeting (FINAL)
3:30pm in Room 162, the Dodd Center**

Members present: R. Henning, Psyc (Chair); P. Bloomfield, Phil; J. Breen, Journ; F. Costigliola, Hist; J. Crivello, PNB; A. Dashevsky, Soc; W. Hines, Phys; G. Leibowitz, Math; J. Linnekin, Anth; J. Manning, Engl; K. Moore, POLS; N. Naples, WS; R. Henning, Psych; S. Sacks, Econ; A. Skoog, MARN; C. Teschke, MCB; R. Travis, MCL; R. Vitale, Stat; K. Wells, EEB; V. Makowsky, CLAS; R. Tilton (guest).

1. Preliminaries: a. Chair Rob Henning called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

b. Manning was appointed secretary *pro tem*.

c. The minutes of the 30 October meeting were acknowledged as having been approved by e-mail vote on 7 November.

2. Old Business: a. Discussion of the continuing matter of GER reform now before the Senate. Henning reported upon last week's meeting of the Organizing Committee, including the possible introduction, by Senator Ernie Zirakzadeh, of an amendment to the CLAS proposal to separate writing requirements from GER courses. Prof. Zirakzadeh's amendment would restore some form of requirement that a writing-intensive course be completed in the student's major, and within the final 60 credits presented for the degree.

b. **2001-132** Add WS 371, Genders and Sexualities (Prof M. Breen), tabled earlier. Tabled again for further work on the proposal. The committee noted the lack of required information about approvals received, about its effect upon other campuses, and about its effect upon other departments (it was noted that the proposed instructor holds her appointment in English at the Avery Point Campus, but that no affirmation could be made about approval from either.). The proposal will be returned to the committee at a later date.

c. **2001-175** Catalog change concerning GPA required in major (Dean Makowsky). Copy to be changed to read: '**... have an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 and a grade point average of at least 2.0 in the courses presented in satisfaction of major requirements.**' This acknowledges that some CLAS major programs require more than 24 credits in the major field, and that the rule's intent is to apply a uniform standard to all required courses in all majors. Approved.

3. New Business

a. Special Topics courses (both spring 2002)

1. **2001-176:** Econ 298 Urban Policy and Development, announced as approved by the Chair.
2. **2001-177:** Anthropology 298 Ethnobotany: Plants and People. Reported to the committee for review of the proposed instructor's CV. Approved by vote.

b. Curriculum Proposals (Note: Although the following proposals are given here in numerical sequence for ease of reference, certain discussions were in fact held out of sequence by agreement of the committee.)

2001-178 through 2001-186 (inclusive). These items, eight concerning graduate courses in Geography and one concerning a change to degree requirements in Geography, were tabled until the meeting of 11 December at the department's request.

2001-187 Change WS 103. Returned to the department for submission to the Senate.

2001-188 Change WS 104. Returned to the department for submission to the Senate.

2001-189 Change WS 124. Returned to the department for submission to the Senate.

2001-189A (Note modified number to correct mislabeling of the proposal) Add WS 2xx Women and Body Art. Approved, subject to a) improvement of catalog copy, to be approved by the chair, and b) re-examination of the 'open to sophomores' provision, which will redirect the proposal to the Senate should the department wish to retain it.

CATALOGUE COPY:

Women and Body Art. WS 2xx. Either semester. Three credits.

Women's use of body art to express aspects of gender identity and interpretation of body art from a variety of cultures. "Body art" encompasses cosmetics, painting, hair styling, tattoo, scarification, clothing, ornaments, plastic surgery and exercise.

2001-190 Add WS 3xx Feminist Theories of Globalization and Resistance. Approved, subject to revision of title and catalog copy, as approved by the Chair.

Abbreviated Title: Globaliz and Resist

CATALOGUE COPY: WS 3xx, Feminist Theories of Globalization and Resistance Either semester, alternate years. Three credits.

Interdisciplinary examination of relationship among feminist theorizing, women's movements, women's activism, and global political and economic restructuring. Explores links among local resistance, immigration, cultural citizenship, international politics, neoliberal discourse, and global economic restructuring.

2001-191 Cross-list AASI 268 with History 268. Japanese Americans and World War II. Approved.

2001-192 (ten courses) The Committee voted to **drop ten courses** in Molecular & Cellular Biology, bundled for consideration under this single proposal number as follows:

MCB 230 Laboratory in Biotechnology & Molecular Genetics

MCB 258 Biotechnical Plant Culture

MCB 261 Laboratory Techniques of Plant Physiology

MCB 309 Biophysics of Membranes

MCB 310 Advanced Membrane Biophysics Seminar

MCB 324 Biochemical Regulatory Mechanisms

MCB 344 Analysis of Development Laboratory

MCB 378 Advanced Virology

MCB 410 Molecular & Cell Biology of Higher Plants

MCB 410W Molecular & Cell Biology of Higher Plants

2001-193 Drop SOC 314 Human Ecology. Approved

2001-194 Drop SOC 344 Mental Illness. Approved

2001-195 Drop Soc 357 Human Fertility, Mortality & Migration. Approved

2001-196 Drop Soc 359 Energy, Environment & Society. Approved

2001-197 Drop Soc 374 Comparative Power Structures. Approved

2001-198 Drop Soc 212 Language & Society. Approved

2001-199 Drop Soc 275 Collective Bargainng. Approved

2001-200 Drop the **Environmental Biology Concentration** within the Biological Sciences major. Approved.

2001-201 Drop Anth 243W The American in Foreign Cultures. Approved

2001-202 Drop Anth 240 Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Education. Approved

2001-203 Drop Anth 251 The Status of Women in Evolutionary Perspective. Approved

2001-204 Drop Anth 271 Social Change & Development. Approved

2001-205 Drop Anth 255 Archaeology of Mesoamerica. Approved

2001-205A Drop Anth 256 Archaeology of South America. Approved

2001-206 Drop Anth 348 Material Approaches in Anthropology. Approved

2001-207 Drop Anth 373 Anthropology of European Expansion in the Americas. Approved

2001-208 Drop Anth 248 Urban Anthropology. Approved

2001-209 Change the American Studies minor: to replace the requirement of INTD 276 (dropped earlier) with any one of the following: English 270 American Literature to 1880, English 271 American Literature since 1880, or Art History 254 19th-century American Art. Approved

2001-210 Add a new major, **American Studies**. After lengthy discussion the Committee tabled this proposal pending its further development by the proposing group. Much comment was offered about a) the proposal's inclusion within its scope, despite the makeup of the sponsoring committee and its published materials, of the entire American hemisphere, and b) the uncertain division of disciplinary competence between the proposed field and that of Latin American Studies.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm. Next meeting 11 December.

Respectfully submitted,

J J Manning, English
Secretary *pro tem*.