

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Committee on Curricula and Courses**

**Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 2001 (Final)**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee, Rob Henning, in Room 162 of the Dodd Research Center at 3:33 pm. In attendance were members Paul Bloomfield (PHIL), Frank Costigliola (HIST), Ellen Cromley (GEOG), Arnold Dashefsky (SOC), William Hines (PHYS), Gerald Leibowitz (MATH), Jack Manning (ENGL), Nancy Naples (WS), Stephen Sacks (ECON), Roger Travis (MCL), Richard Vitale (STAT), Kentwood Wells (EEB), and Veronica Makowsky (Dean's Office, CLAS); and guests Jean Crespi (GEOL) and Scott Lehmann (PHIL).

**Preliminaries**

1. Ellen Cromley was appointed Secretary for the meeting.
2. The Chairman reported that the minutes of the November 13, 2001, meeting of the Committee were approved as revised via email on November 27, 2001.
3. Veronica Makowsky reported on discussion of the foreign language requirement during the University Senate meeting held on December 10, 2001. The Senate did not act on a motion to change the foreign language requirement at that meeting. Dean Makowsky stated that she would contact language department faculty and compile information on language requirements at other institutions and report to the Curricula and Courses Committee at the next meeting.
4. Dean Makowsky clarified that recent actions of the Senate on competencies in the proposed General Education Requirements retain the existing W and Q course requirements.
5. The Chairman, Rob Henning, reported that the Organizing Committee met on November 27, 2001, with students to discuss the diversity requirement in the proposed General Education Requirements. The students suggested community service as one option for satisfying the diversity requirement. The Organizing Committee responded favorably to this suggestion as a complement to academic course work.

**Old Business**

6. **Proposal 2001-132** Add WS 371. The Committee noted changes to the original proposal and staffing at the regional campus was in place. The motion to add the course was seconded and approved.

Approved catalogue copy with revised title and description:

WS 371. Genders, Sexualities, and Theory. Second semester. Three credits. Genders and sexualities, with special attention given to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues.

Abbreviated title: Gen Sex and Theory

7. Eight proposals from the Department of Geography to add courses (all with a start date of fall 2002) were considered as a single block. The motion to add the eight courses was seconded and approved.

**Proposal 2001-178** Add GEOG 4XX Advanced Topics in Spatial Analysis

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4XX. Advanced Topics in Spatial Analysis. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Spat Analys

**Proposal 2001-179** Add GEOG 4XY Advanced Topics in Regional Analysis

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4XY. Advanced Topics in Regional Analysis. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Reg Analys

**Proposal 2001-180** Add GEOG 4XZ Advanced Topics in Population Geography

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4XX. Advanced Topics in Population Geography. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Populat Geog

**Proposal 2001-181** Add GEOG 4YX Advanced Topics in Urban Geography

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4YX. Advanced Topics in Urban Geography. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Urban Geog

**Proposal 2001-182** Add GEOG 4YY Advanced Topics in Geography of Public Policy

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4YY. Advanced Topics in Geography of Public Policy. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Geog Pub Pol

**Proposal 2001-183** Add GEOG 4YZ Advanced Topics in Economic Geography

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4YZ. Advanced Topics in Economic Geography. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Econ Geog

**Proposal 2001-184** Add GEOG 4ZX Advanced Topics in Physical Geography

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4ZX. Advanced Topics in Physical Geography. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Phys Geog

**Proposal 2001-185** Add GEOG 4ZY Advanced Topics in Environmental Geography

Approved catalogue copy:

GEOG 4ZY. Advanced Topics in Environmental Geography. Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. May be repeated once for credit with change in topic.

Abbreviated title: Adv Top Environ Geog

8. **Proposal 2001-186** Change course requirements for the Ph.D. in Geography. The motion to approve changes to catalogue copy describing the revised degree requirements for the Ph.D. in Geography was seconded and approved. The new language is underlined.

Approved catalogue copy:

For Ph.D. students, required course work consists of the methodological core of one course each in GIS, spatial statistics, research design and the development of geographic thought. The substantive core consists of twelve credits in 400-level geography courses not including GEOG 415. To ensure adequate preparation for teaching, all students take a one-credit practicum course GEOG 415 with a faculty member who has regular teaching responsibilities in the appropriate area. Finally, the student completes at least six credits of related work in a cognate area and at least six credits of course work from a related field outside the department.

### **New Business**

9. **Proposal 2001-216** Add Environmental Studies minor. The proposal was presented by Jean Crespi and Scott Lehmann. Editorial changes were made to the catalogue description during discussion with the Committee. It was noted that English 2XX American Nature Writing has been approved but the course number is not yet available. Philosophy 297 Environmental Ethics and Anthropology 298 People and Conservation of Nature are not yet permanent courses. Minor editorial changes were made to the plan of study. The motion to approve the

minor with the revised catalogue description below, as well as a plan of study to include Philosophy 2XX Environmental Ethics and Anthropology 2XX People and Conservation of Nature in the minor as outlined, upon approval of those courses as permanent courses, was seconded and approved.

Approved catalogue copy:

Environmental Studies is broadly concerned with the interaction between humans and the environment. The Environmental Studies Minor is a coherent 15/16 credit interdisciplinary (humanities, social and natural sciences) concentration for students interested in social science and/or policy approaches to environmental problems. This minor enables students to focus their related area and/or electives on environmental issues. A course presented in satisfaction of major requirements cannot be used within the minor.

GEOL 102 is the pre-requisite for GEOL 250 and six credits of college biology are the pre-requisite for EEB 244. The following courses are recommended preparation for the minor: one from BIOL 102, 107, 108, or 110; and one course from: CHEM 101, GEOG 205, GEOL 101, PHYS 103Q, NRME 100 or SCI 110.

Minor Requirements:

**No more than 6 credits can be taken from one department within the minor.**

**Core Courses:**

EEB 244, General Ecology or GEOL 250, Earth History; **and three credits from:** ANTH 236Q Human Behavioral Ecology, ARE 234 Environmental and Resource Policy, ENGL 2XX Studies in Literature and Culture, GEOG 236 Human Modifications of Natural Environments, NRME 240 Environmental Law, PHIL 2XX Environmental Ethics.

**Electives:** 9 additional credits from the following:

ANSC 225 Environmental Health Seminar, ANSC 226 Environmental Health, ANTH 236Q Human Behavioral Ecology, ANTH 261 Medical Ecology, ANTH 293 Culture and Ecology of Ecuador, ANTH 2XX People and Conservation of Nature, ARE 234, Environmental and Resource Policy, EEB 205/GEOL 205 Environmental Science Issues, EEB 244 General Ecology if not chosen as a core course, GEOL 250 Earth History if not chosen as a core course, ENGL 2xx Studies in Literature and Culture  
GEOG 232 Principles and Applications of Physical Geography, GEOG 236 Human Modifications of Natural Environments, GEGO 237 Environmental Planning and Management, GEOG 285W Advanced Physical Geography, GEOG 286 Environmental Evaluation and Assessment, HIST 206 History of Science, NRME 240 Environmental Law, PHIL 2xx Environmental Ethics ,POLs 212 Global Interdependence, SCI 240 Nature of Science.

Students can incorporate appropriate off campus study with the minor advisor's approval, such as internships, Biosphere, or study abroad.

The minor plan of study form was approved subject to changes in the status of the 2xx courses noted above.

**10. Proposal 2001-211** Approve EEB 298 African Field Ecology.

For the information of the Committee, the Chairman reported that he had approved the proposal on November 21, 2001.

Approved course description:

This course will provide students with an overview of the ecological systems in southern Africa, their management and related conservation issues with emphasis on the ecosystems and landscapes of the region. UConn students will also receive background lectures and exposure to South African culture and society, and human rights issues.

**11. Proposal 2001-212** Approve instructor for ANTH 298 Cultural Landscapes

The committee considered the qualifications of William Hare to teach the course. He is not a member of the faculty. The committee reviewed the curriculum vita for William Hare and a letter of support from Robert Bee. The motion to approve the instructor was seconded and approved.

**12. Proposal 2001-213** Seven proposals to drop interdisciplinary courses from the catalogue were considered as a block. The motion to drop the following courses was seconded and approved:

Drop INTD 100  
Drop INTD 130  
Drop INTD 132  
Drop INTD 200  
Drop INTD 230  
Drop INTD 240  
Drop INTD 257

**13.** A motion to consider Proposals 2001-214 and 2001-215 together was seconded and approved. Both proposals involved a change in prerequisites. The new language is underlined. The motion to approve the change in prerequisites for both courses was seconded and approved. The Committee noted that the changes in prerequisites for PHYS 242Q and PHYS 255Q must be forwarded to the Senate for approval because they are Q courses.

**Proposal 2001-214** Change in prerequisites.

Approved catalogue copy:

PHYS 242Q. Mechanics I. First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PHYS 142; or, with consent of instructor, PHYS 123 or 125 or 132 or 152 or 209; MATH 210 or 220, which may

be taken concurrently. Open to sophomores. Newton's laws of motion applied to mass points, systems of particles, and rigid bodies.

**Proposal 2001-215** Change in prerequisites.

Approved catalogue copy:

PHYS 255Q. Electricity and Magnetism I. First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PHYS 142; or, with consent of instructor, PHYS 123 or 125 or 132 or 152 or 210; MATH 210 and 211, or 220 and 221. Properties of electric and magnetic fields; direct and alternating current circuits.

- 14. Proposal 2001-217** Add WS2XX Genders and Sexualities. The committee discussed this course in relation to the graduate course WS 371 described in Proposal 2001-132. Changes were made to the course description based on comments by Nancy Naples. A motion to add the course was seconded and approved. The Committee noted that if this course is to be made open to sophomores, it must be submitted to the Senate for approval and the catalog copy would also then include "open to sophomores."

Approved catalogue copy:

WS 2XX. Genders and Sexualities. First semester. Three credits. Overview of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues.

Abbreviated title: Genders and Sexualities

- 15. Proposal 2001-218** Add WS2XXW Genders and Sexualities. The motion to approve the W version of WS 2XX Genders and Sexualities was seconded and approved. The Committee noted that this course must be submitted to the Senate for approval as a W course. As in **2001-217**, above, the Committee noted that if this course is to be made open to sophomores, it must be submitted to the Senate for approval and the catalog copy would also then include "open to sophomores."

Approved catalogue copy:

WS 2XXW. Genders and Sexualities.

16. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Cromley