

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

## Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2002 (FINAL)

The Committee was called to in Room 162 of the Dodd Center at 3:34 pm. Present were Stephen Sacks (ECON), Kentwood Wells (EEB), Jack Manning (ENGL), Ellen Cromley (GEOG), Yael Sharvit (LING), Roger Travis (MCL), Gerald Leibowitz (MATH), Annelie Skoog (MARN), Carol Teschke (MCB), Austen Clark (PHIL), Joseph Crivello (PNB), Rob Henning (PSYC, Chair), and Veronica Makowsky (Dean's Office, CLAS); and guests Marysol Asencio (FAM STD), Diana Rios (COMS), Blanca Silvestrini (PRL STD).

### 1. PRELIMINARIES

- a. Carl Coelho was appointed Secretary for the meeting.
- b. Rob Henning reported on the ongoing discussion of the foreign language requirement by the University Senate. The Senate did not act on a motion to change the foreign language requirement at the last meeting. Discussion on the language requirement will continue at the February 25<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Minutes of December 11, 2001 meeting were approved via Email vote on January 25, 2002 (w/o revision).

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2002-1 Special Topics Course PRLS 298, Contemporary Cuban Society

Course had previously been approved by the Chair, however because the instructor was not a regular member of the department's faculty, it was necessary for the Committee to approve Dr. Rosa Carrasquillo's qualifications to teach the course. The motion to approve Dr. Carrasquillo's qualifications was seconded and approved.

- b. 2002-2 **ADD** PRLS 221: Latinos/as and Human Rights. Approved.

Approved copy: PRLS 221: Latinos/as and Human Rights in the United States. Either semester. Three credits. Latino/a issues related to human, civil and cultural rights, and gender differences.

- c. 2002-3 **ADD** PRLS 212: Field Internship in Latino Studies. Approved.

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PRLS 212: Field Internship in Latino Studies. Either semester. 1-3 credits; may be repeated for up to 6 credits. Work in cultural community-oriented setting(s). Grade of S or U.

d. 2002-4 **ADD** PRLS 220: History of Latinos/as in the United States. Approved.

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PRLS 220: History of Latinos/as in the United States. Either semester. Three credits. Settlement and growth of Hispanic-origin populations in the U.S., from Spanish and Mexican Settlement of Western U.S. to the growth of Latino communities. Student oral history project.

e. 2002-5 **ADD** PRLS 211: Puerto Rican/Latino Studies Research. Approved.

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PRLS 211: Puerto Rican/Latino Studies Research. Either semester. Three credits. Students design, execute and write original, library or archival-based research on Latino/a experience using documents, films, literary works, surveys, photographic and newspaper materials.

f. 2002-6 **ADD** PRLS 210: Contemporary Issues in Latino Studies. Approved.

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PRLS 210: Contemporary Issues in Latino Studies. Either semester. Three credits. Topics in socio-demographic patterns, cultural identity claims, community organization, migration and citizenship issues of Latino groups in post-WWII United States. Emphasis on comparative analysis and on policy implications.

g. 2002-7 **ADD** PRLS 213: Study in Puerto Rico.

Proposal was tabled pending clarification on how the course would be integrated into the University's study abroad program.

h. 2002-8 **ADD** PRLS 266: Women, Ethnicity and Media.

Proposal was tabled pending clarification of whether it should be offered as a Communication Sciences course because of the emphasis on media.

i. 2002-9 **ADD** PRLS 251: Latino Sexuality and Gender. and

j. 2002-10 **ADD** PRLS 250: Latino Health and Health Care.

Proposals were tabled pending clarification on how they would be cross referenced with Family Studies Department.

k. 2002-13 **CHANGE A MINOR**: African Studies. Approved.

The University requires that the creation of a new department (African Studies) before certain courses can be listed in requirements for a minor in African Studies. Since approvals have not yet been granted, AFRI 293 (Foreign Study), AFRI 298 (Special Topics in African Studies), and AFRI 299 (Independent Study) will be dropped from the minor so that the AFRS minor can be included in the new catalog.

l. 2002-11 **ADD A MINOR:** Latino Studies. Deferred until next meeting.

m. 2002-12 **CROSS LIST:** SOC 241: Women in Health, in Women's Studies.

Deferred until next meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Coelho, Sec'y *pro tem*