

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

**Minutes for the meeting of Dec. 14, 2004  
Approved by e-mail ballot as of Dec. 21, 2004**

Present were: Anne Hiskes (CLAS Dean's office), Ross Buck (COMS), Lance Minkler (ECON), Albert Fairbanks (ENGL), Alexander Vias (GEOG), Nancy Shoemaker (HIST), Gerald Leibowitz (MATH), Thomas Terry (MCB and Chair), Paul Bloomfield (PHIL), George Rawitscher (PHYS), Jeremy Pressman (POLS), Robert Henning (PSYC), Robert Bifulco (PP), Arnold Dashefsky (SOCI), Margaret Breen (WS). Also present as guests were: Richard Wilson (ANTH), Austen Clark (PHIL), and Betty Hanson (POLS).

Chairman Tom Terry called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Dodd Center at 3:30 pm.

**1. PRELIMINARIES**

a. Alexander Vias appointed secretary for this meeting.

b. 298 courses approved by Chair, Tom Terry:

**2004-184 Add:** PP 298. Program Evaluation (for Spring 2005)

**2004-188 Add:** HIST 298. North American Environmental History (for Spring 2005)

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**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2004-181 (rev) Add:** ANTH 2XXW. Human Rights in Democratizing Countries (**Approved Unanimously**)

**ANTH 2XXW. Human Rights in Democratizing Countries**

Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Human rights, political violence, political and legal anthropology, prosecutions of human rights offenders, truth and memory, reconciliation, international justice.

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**2004-182 (rev) Add:** ANTH 2XYW and ANTH 3XX. Cultural Rights (**Approved Unanimously**)

--Note: original proposal from ANTH slightly changed to create a 200 level W course, and a 300 level graduate course

**ANTH 2XYW. CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Politics of culture and cultural rights, minority rights, indigenous rights, multicultural policies, race, difference and law, cosmopolitanism, globalization and human rights.

**ANTH 3XX. CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Politics of culture and cultural rights, minority rights, indigenous rights, multicultural policies, race, difference and law, cosmopolitanism, globalization and human rights.

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### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

**2004-183 Add:** SOCI 215: Human Rights in the United States (**Approved Unanimously**)

#### **SOCI 215: Human Rights in the United States**

Either semester. Three credits.

Sociological analyses of human rights issues in the United States, including economic, racial, and gender justice; prisoners' rights and capital punishment; the role of the United States in international human rights agreements and treaties; and struggles on behalf of human rights.

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**2004-184 Add:** PP 298. Program Evaluation (**Approved by Chair for Spring 2005**)

--Note: Robert Bifulco (PP) will check to ensure PP 298 course is listed in updated Urban Studies major, and if necessary will bring proposal for revised URBS major to committee to ensure that PP 298 can be used.

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**2004-185 Add:** PHIL 249 and 249W. Philosophy and Neuroscience (**Approved Unanimously**)

#### **PHIL 249. Philosophy and Neuroscience**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: At least one 200-level, three-credit course in Physiology and Neurobiology (PNB), and at least one three-credit course in philosophy or consent of instructor. Open to sophomores or higher.

Philosophical issues in neuroscience. Topics may include theories of brain function, localization of function, reductionism, neuropsychological deficits, computational models in neuroscience, connectionism, and evolution.

#### **PHIL 249W. Philosophy and Neuroscience**

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**2004-186 Change:** PHIL 250. Philosophy of Mind (new description, open to sophomores, and add W section) (**Approved Unanimously**)

#### **PHIL 250. Philosophy of Mind**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: At least one 200-level, three-credit philosophy course or consent of instructor. Open to sophomores or higher.

Contemporary issues in the philosophy of mind. Topics may include the nature of the mental, the mind-body problem, the analysis of sensory experience, the problem of intentionality, and psychological explanation.

#### **PHIL 250W. Philosophy of Mind**

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**2004-187 Add:** PHIL 247 and 247W. Philosophy of Psychology (**Approved Unanimously**)

#### **PHIL 247. Philosophy of Psychology**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Any one of Psychology 210W, 211W, 215W, 220, or 221; and at least one three-credit course in philosophy or consent of instructor. Open to sophomores or higher.

Conceptual issues in theoretical psychology. Topics may include computational models of mind, the language of thought, connectionism, neuropsychological deficits, and relations between psychological models and the brain.

### **PHIL 247W. Philosophy of Psychology**

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**2004-188 Add:** HIST 298. North American Environmental History (**Approved by Chair for Spring 2005**)

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**2004-189 Add:** HIST 2XX. American Environmental History (**Approved Unanimously**)

### **HIST 2XX. American Environmental History**

Either semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores or higher. *Rozwadowski, Woodward, Shoemaker*

Transformations of the North American environment: the effects of human practices and policies, varying ideas about nature across cultures and time periods, and the rise of environmental movements.

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**2004-190 Add:** PHIL 256 and 256W. Philosophy of Perception (**Approved Unanimously**)

### **PHIL 256. Philosophy of Perception**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Any one of Psychology 210W, 215W, 254, or 256; or at least one 200-level, three-credit philosophy course. Open to sophomores or higher.

Conceptual problems in contemporary models of perception. Topics may include the nature of color perception, direct perception and its alternatives, computation and representation in perception, and the connections between perception and awareness.

### **PHIL 256W. Philosophy of Perception**

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**2004-191 Add:** PHIL 2XX. Philosophy and Human Rights (**Tabled until next meeting**)

--Note: Pilosophy will review to determine if course title should include reference to "special topics", and whether there should be consistency with related courses such as "SOC 292. Special Topics in Sociology and Human Rights."

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**2004-192 Add:** Program in India Studies (INDS) – overview (**Approved Unanimously**)

--Note: Vote creates new INDS label for India Studies Program. Also, new permanent subcommittee consisting of CLAS faculty will be created

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**2004-193 Add:** INDS 210. Ancient and Classical Indian Literature in Translation (**Approved Unanimously**)

**INDS 210. Ancient and Classical Indian Literature in Translation**

Either semester. Three credits.

Literary achievements of Indian civilization from the ancient and classical periods. Attention given to major genres and their development in both secular and religious texts.

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**2004-194 Add: INDS 293. Foreign Study (Approved Unanimously)**

**INDS 293. Foreign Study**

Either or both semesters. Credits and hours by arrangement (Credits up to a maximum of 15). Consent of Coordinator of India Studies required prior to departure.

Special topics taken in a foreign study program

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**2004-195 Add: INDS 295. Variable Topics and INDS 298. Special Topics (Approved Unanimously)**

**INDS 295. Variable Topics**

Either or both semesters: Credits and hours by arrangement. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit

**INDS 298. Special Topics**

Either or both semesters: Three credits. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit

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**2004-196 Add: INDS 299. Independent Study (Approved Unanimously)**

**INDS 299. Independent Study**

Either or both semesters: Credits and hours by arrangement. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit. Open only with consent of instructor.

Supervised reading and writing on a subject of special interest to the student

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**2004-197 Add Minor: India Studies (Tabled until next meeting)**

**--Note: Broad support for new minor, but proposal tabled so new INDS committee can review minor and make small changes in requirements to satisfy issues raised during discussion.**

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**2004-198 Add: SOCI 292. Topics in Sociology and Human Rights (Approved Unanimously)**

[**Note from the chair:** the title of the following course was approved at our 12/14/04 meeting as "Special Topics in Sociology and Human Rights". However, at that meeting we also tabled a similar course from the Philosophy department after failing to agree on the exact title, in order to obtain feedback from those involved in developing the Human Rights program at UConn regarding the general title for such courses. After several e-mail exchanges between myself and Paul Bloomfield, Arnold Dashefsky, Richard Wilson, and Davita Glassberg, we have agreed that "Topics in ..... and Human Rights" would be the most appropriate title for such variable topics courses, including SOCI 292. Since the committee wished such feedback, it is appropriate to modify this title.]

### **SOCI 292. Topics in Sociology and Human Rights**

Either semester. Three credits. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary.

Variable topics covering theoretical and empirical examination of social, political, economic, legal, and/or cultural issues of human rights from a sociological perspective.

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### **2004-199 Change major: Geology & Geophysics (Approved Unanimously)**

**--Note: Some discussion on nature of the proposal, but CC&C agreed that this major description will simply serve as a temporary guide in the catalog pending approval of new Geosciences major**

### **Geology and Geophysics**

Geology integrates biology, chemistry and physics in the study of the Earth's history and composition as recorded by rocks, fossils, and landscapes. Geophysics uses the methods of mathematical physics to investigate the Earth's interior through the analysis of earthquake energy and measurement of electromagnetic, gravitational, and thermal fields. Together, geology and geophysics provide the tools needed for the exploration for mineral and energy resources, for the monitoring and remediation of environmental contaminants in soil, sediment, and groundwater and for the study of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods and other natural phenomena that pose a hazard to human life. The challenge of geology and geophysics is to understand our planet and its history, and to use that knowledge to forecast its future in an era of global change.

The Geology & Geophysics Program is administered by the Center for Integrative Geosciences. Until the new undergraduate course of studies for this Program is approved (anticipated Fall 2006 or 2007), students interested in geosciences may pursue a course of studies with a foundation in geology and geophysics through the Individualized Major program. Faculty associated with the Center (located in Beach Hall) are available to provide information and for advising. For further information and application forms, contact the Individualized Major Program Director at (860) 486-3631.

### **4. ADJOURN at 5:40PM**