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

# Minutes for the meeting of 14 November 2006 (Approved 12 December 2006)

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research Center at 3:30 p.m.

**Present:** Buck, Ross (COMM); Caner, Dan (HIST); Clark, Austen (PHIL); Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Dudas, Jeff (POLS); Fairbanks, Hap (ENGL); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Gallo, Bob (PNB); Goldman, Jane (HDFS); Hamilton, Doug (Assoc. Dean, CLAS); Henning, Robert (PSYC); Leibowitz, Gerald, (MATH); Linnekin, Jocelyn (ANTH); McComiskey, Marita (WS); Michel, Robert G. (CHEM); Rawitscher, George (PHYS); Rockwell, Richard (SOCI); Rubega, Margaret (MCB); Travis, Roger (MCL); Worcester, Wayne (JOUR).

Visiting: Dashefsky, Arnold (Sociology), Glasser, Ruth (Waterbury), Grela, Bernard, CDIS.

#### 1. PRELIMINARIES

- a. Richard Rockwell was appointed secretary pro tem.
- b. The minutes of the 24 October 2006 meeting were approved on 7 November by electronic ballot.
- c. The chair reported approvals during the interval for AASI 298 (2006-107) pending consideration by C&CC, ENGL 298 (2006-172) pending consideration by C&CC, LING 298 (2006-186) approved, COMM 298 (2006-181) pending consideration by C&CC.
- d. Chair's report. Extracollegiate course offerings and related issues. Resolution submitted by the chair was amended and approved

Following extensive discussion, C&CC approved the following resolution as amended, with Caner or Gallo (?) voting in the negative and Linnekin abstaining. It was noted that should the circumstances prompting this resolution change after anticipated discussion with other parties, the committee may wish to revisit this resolution at a subsequent meeting, as indeed it may any resolution.

Resolution approved: No course not approved by a school or college curricula and courses committee may be applied for credit to the curriculum of this college, nor to any requirements of this college including its majors and minors, unless approved by this committee. It shall be the policy of this committee to decline consideration of any proposal to accredit in the curriculum of this college, including any of its major or minor programs of study, or to apply to any of the college's requirements or regulations, a course not approved by one of this university's school or college curricula and courses committees.

- e. Report of W subcommittee. A preliminary report required no action by CLAS C&CC.
- f, Report BS degree subcommittee. A preliminary report required no action by CLAS C&CC.

#### 2. DEPARTMENTAL COURSE PROPOSALS

a. Departmental Course Proposals postponed from October 24.

2006 - 91 Proposal to Add URBN 2xx: Deferred

Action on the proposal was deferred to the next meeting of the committee pending clarification of several points.

2006 - 107 Proposal to offer AASI 298 "Special Topics" Course: Deferred

Action on the proposal was deferred pending discussion with department.

2006 - 117 Proposal to Cross List SCI 103 with AMST 103: Deferred.

Action on the proposal was deferred until the offering department can be represented.

2006-143 Proposal to Cross-list URBN 220: Action deferred.

2006 - 151 Proposal to Add ENGL 1XX: re-docketed as 1006 - 191, below)

2006 - 155 Proposal to Add MCB 1YY: deferred at department's request.

b. New departmental proposals

### 2006 - 165 Proposal to Change the SOCI Major: Approved Approved Catalog Description of the Major:

Sociology is an analytic discipline concerned with understanding people as creators of, and participants in, society. The field is broadly concerned with the study of modern society and its social organizations, institutions, groups, and social roles. Sociologists study social influences on human behavior, such as sexuality, ethnic identity, and religious belief, and how individuals become members of families and communities. The field is also concerned with social problems, especially all forms of prejudice, discrimination, and inequality, and with poverty, crime, violence, and the threatened environment. Sociologists emphasize sources of social problems in the organization of society, public policies for their alleviation, and today's questions of social justice. Finally, they study how individuals, both alone and working in groups, can change the society in which they live. A major in sociology opens many doors for careers and is excellent background for advanced training in a variety of other fields.

At least 24 credits of SOCI courses at the 200-level or above are required:

Three specific courses are required of all majors: SOCI 205, 207Q, 270. (Note: Students must take SOCI 107, 115 or 125 prior to taking SOCI 205, 207Q, and 270.)

Passing SOCI 205 satisfies the information literacy competency, and passing SOCI 207Q satisfies the computer technology competency. To satisfy the writing in the major requirement, students must pass one of the following courses: SOCI 216W, 217W, 218W, 219W, 226W, 227W, 230W, 240W, 242W, 243W, 244W, 245W, 247W, 248W, 249W, 250W, 252W, 253W, 255W, 258W, 259W, 260W, 265W, 267W, 268W, 269W, 270W, 280W, 281W, 282W, 283W, 288W, 290W, 294W, 296W.

At least one course must be taken from the following group: Inequality, Diversity, and Change (SOCI 221, 222, 226, 227, 235, 236, 240, 242, 243, 245, 249, 252, 258, 268, 269, 282, or 290)

Twelve additional credits (usually four courses) must be taken from any 200-level (or greater) courses offered by the department, including those listed above. (Note: No more than three credits of SOCI 296 can apply to the major).

A minor in Sociology is described in the Minors section.

### 2006 - 166 Proposal to Change the SOCI Minor: Approved Approved Catalog Description of the Minor:

Students must complete SOCI 107, 115, or 125 and 5 different 200 level Sociology courses (totaling 15 credits), including either SOCI 205 or 270.

The minor is offered by the Sociology Department.

#### 2006 - 166B Change in Catalog Description of SOCI 205: Approved

Members of C&CC noted that changes approved in the Major and in the requirements of other SOCI courses (below) imply a change to the Catalog description of SOCI 205:

**Approved Catalog Listing** 

205. Methods of Social Research

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: SOCI 107, 115, or 125.

Quantitative and qualitative methods used in sociological research: designs for gathering data, problems of measurement, and techniques of data analysis. Lectures and laboratory work. Majors in sociology should take this required course in their junior year.

### 2006 - 167 Proposal to Add SOCI 210: Approved as amended Approved Catalog Listing

SOCI 210: Interaction and the Conduct of Social Research (new number = 2210)

Either semester. Three credits. Recommended preparation: six credit of introductory social science courses. Consent of instructor required. Open to sophomores.

Sociological analysis of methodological, socio-relational, and structural factors affecting social research and clinical or community work with individuals and groups.

## 2006 - 168 Proposal to Add W version of SOCI 274: Approved Approved Catalog Listing

SOCI 274W. Work and Occupations (new number = 3411W)

Prerequisite: ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250.

Occupations, jobs, careers, and the professions, and their effects on the division of labor, on the workplace, and on individuals in the labor force.

### 2006 - 169 Proposal to Change Catalog Description of SOCI 260: Approved as amended Approved Catalog Listing:

SOCI 260 Social Organization

Either semester. Three credits.

Social structure, processes, and social change in institutions such as the family, education, religion, economy, and polity.

#### 2006 - 170 Proposal to Change SOCI 207QC: Returned to Department for revisions

It was suggested that the Department consider using PHYS 155 as a template for revisions.

2006 - 171 Proposal to Add ENGL 235W: Deferred

2006 - 172 Proposal to Offer ENGL 298 Special Topics: Deferred

### 2006 - 173 Proposal to Change Catalog Description of PNB 280: Approved Approved Catalog Listing:

PNB 280. Molecular Neuroanatomy

First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: One 200-level course in PNB or instructor consent. Recommended preparation: MCB 203 or 204.

Introduction to molecular neurobiology and the anatomy of the brain, and integration of the molecular systems with anatomical structure and function.

- 2006 174 Proposal to Add GEOG 1xx/GEOL 1xx: Postponed
- 2006 175 Proposal to Change the SPAN Minor: Postponed
- 2006 176 Proposal to Change FREN 169: Postponed
- 2006 177 Proposal to Add MCB 2XXW: Postponed
- 2006 178 Proposal to Add COMM 216: Postponed
- 2006 179 Proposal to Add COMM 316: Postponed
- 2006 180 Proposal to Add COMM 391: Postponed
- 2006 181 Proposal to Add COMM 395: Postponed
- 2006 182 Proposal to Change the Communication Sciences Major (CDIS): Postponed
- 2006 183 Proposal to Add HIST 1XX: Postponed
- 2006 184 Proposal to Add HIST 5XXX: Postponed
- 2006 185 Proposal to Drop HIST 234: Postponed
- 2006 186 Proposal to offer LING 298 Special Topics: Approved by chair
- 2006 187 Proposal to Change the URBN Major (Revised): Postponed
- 2006 188 Proposal to Add CDIS 4XX: Postponed
- 2006 189 Proposal to Change CDIS 250: Postponed
- 2006 190 Proposal to Add ENGL 149W: Postponed
- 2006 191 Proposal to Change the ENGL Major: Postponed

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM. The committee will next meet on 12 December 2006. Submitted by Richard Rockwell, secretary pro tem.