

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Committee on Curricula and Courses
Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2007
Approved 9 October 2007**

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research Center at 3:32 p.m.

Present: Musiek, Frank (COMS); Olson, Sherri (HIST); Clark, Austen (PHIL); Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Dudas, Jeff (POLS); Fairbanks, Harris (ENGL); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Gallo, Bob (PNB); Hamilton, Doug (Assoc. Dean, CLAS); Henning, Robert (PSYC); Langlois, Dick (ECON); Leibowitz, Gerald, (MATH); McComiskey, Marita (WS); Michel, Bob (CHEM); Knecht, David (MCB); Rawitscher, George (PHYS); Dashefsky, Arnold (SOCL); Travis, Roger (MCL); Worcester, Wayne (JOUR), Schultz, Eric (EEB); Dierssen, Heidi (MARN).

Guests: Crespi, Jean (GEOL/EEB); Lewis, Carol (POLS); Grela, Bernard (COMS).

1. PRELIMINARIES

- a. Harris Fairbanks was appointed secretary for this meeting.
- b. The Chair announced that the minutes for the meeting of April 24, 200 were approved by electronic ballot July 13.
- c. Report of approvals by chair during the interval: **PRLS 298** (see **2007-67**; no action on possible W variant), and **MCB 298** (see **2007-70**), a proposal subsequently withdrawn by the department. Also authorized the registrar to supply regular PNB course numbers related to actions reported for docket numbers 2007-19 and 2007-20 last spring.
- d. Chair's report and discussion:
 1. Associate Dean Hamilton reported that Connecticut will soon require teachers to hold a major in their discipline for certification, and circulated the draft text of a proposal to enable Neag School students to acquire a CLAS degree in parallel with their Education degrees. Such students would complete all CLAS degree requirements, but be exempted from the Senate rule that such a second degree require an additional 30 credits of study. Discussion and comment will be invited at this committee's next meeting.
 2. Manning distributed a report by Margaret Lamb (Appendix 1 to Agenda) concerning INTD C&CC, the oversight committee for interdepartmental courses. That committee has not officially retreated from its original claims of oversight authority, but currently observes a moratorium on the process of considering courses. INTD courses are sometimes taught by personnel who are not faculty, or who are not affiliated with organized departments of instruction. Dean Hamilton reported the possibility that a new class of courses might be created ("UNIV" courses?) that might carry less cachet degree credit, but not necessarily credit toward school or college programs of study. .
 3. The Chair described a letter that CLAS sent to departments requesting identification of courses numbered 3000 or higher to be restricted to juniors and seniors only (exceptions by permission). Departments are to report by October 1.
 4. The Chair described a second such letter asking departments to review and update the allocation of their University general education CA 1 courses to one of the five sub-subdivisions of the CLAS "Arts and Humanities" category. The question whether a course could appear in more than one subdivision was raised but unresolved, except that it was clear that double-dipping was out of the question. This issue

will be placed on a future agenda. Departmental responses to the College's request are due by October 1.

5. The chair noted that ECON and POLS indicated intent to propose a course on economic rights, but by cross-listing or individual ownership was uncertain. Discussion suggested that they wanted cross-listing, but it was left to the departments to clarify their wishes and report back.

6. The Chair noted that although PHYS 123 has been dropped as a requirement for the BS degree some departments retain it as a pre-requisite for other courses, and the CLAS advisory center is concerned that they may be doing so because they are not aware that the requirement has been dropped. The Chair requests that departmental representatives to the CLAS C&CC e-mail George Rawitscher to affirm that their retention of this pre-requisite is intentional.

7. There will be three meetings in October, on the second, third and fifth Tuesdays.

2. DEPARTMENTAL COURSE PROPOSALS

2007 - 67 Add PRLS 298 "Special Topics" (Puerto Rican Dance): Approved by chair.

2007 - 68 Add POLS 3XXXW: Approved

Approved catalog copy:

POLS 3XXXW. Politics and Ethics

First semester. Three credits. Pre-requisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250.

Analysis of relationship between power and ethics in political life. Examination of ethical perspectives on political decisions and issues.

2007 - 69 Add GEOG 1302: Approved as amended.

Approved catalog copy:

GEOG 1302. GIS Modeling of Environmental Change

Fall semester. Four credits. Three class periods and one 3-hour laboratory period.

An introduction to environmental processes and patterns, especially assessing change in environmental systems using spatial analysis techniques. Students will map field sites using Global Positioning System technology and aerial photographs, collect field data on various environmental systems, and build and test a Geographical Information System-based environmental model.

2007 - 70 Add MCB 298 Special Topics (Documenting Venture Smith): Withdrawn by department.

2007 - 71 Add PSYC 4XX/5300: Approved

Approved catalog copy:

PSYC †4XX/5300. Research Seminar in Clinical Psychology

1 credit, seminar. Open to graduate students in Clinical Psychology, others with permission. May be repeated for credit. Advanced seminar presentations by faculty, graduate students, and visiting speakers on current theoretical developments and empirical research in clinical psychology.

2007 - 72 Add JOUR 2XXW: Approved as amended.

Approved catalog copy:

JOUR 2XXW. Public Affairs Reporting

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: JOUR 201W and ENGL 110 or 111 or 250. Open to juniors or higher.

In-depth reporting on state and local government — municipal agencies, boards, commissions, courts, public safety, schools. Field Trips required.

2007 - 73 Change PSYC 205/205W: Returned to dept. for clarification.

2007 - 74 Add GEOL 290W: Approved.

Approved catalog copy:

GEOL 290W/4050W. Geoscience and Society

Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: GEOL 103 or 105 and ENGL 110, 111, or 250; or consent of instructor. Open to juniors or higher.

Application of fundamental geological principles to issues of concern to society such as global climate change; wildfires; drought and water resources; earthquake, volcano, and tsunami hazards; medical geology; energy resources; sustainability; and coastal processes.

2007 - 75 Change MATH 213: Returned to department for clarification.

2007 - 76 Add ENGL 2600: Approved

Approved catalog copy:

ENGL 2600. Introduction to Literary Studies.

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 110, 111, or 250. Open to English majors, others with instructor's consent.

Skills essential for the successful pursuit of a degree in English: textual analysis (close reading of poetry and prose), literary criticism and theory, research and citation methods, and critical writing about literature.

2007 - 77 Add ENGL 4XXXW: Approved as amended

Approved catalog copy:

ENGL 4XXXW. Advanced Studies in Early Literature in English

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 110, 111, or 250. Open to juniors or higher.

Advanced studies in literature written in English before 1800.

2007 - 78 Add ENGL 3XXX : Approved as amended

Approved catalog copy:

ENGL 3XXX. Studies in Early Literature in English

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 110, 111, or 250. Open to juniors or higher.

Studies in literature written in English before 1800.

2007 - 79 Change LING 322: Approved

Approved catalog copy:

LING 322. Syntax II

3 credits. Seminar. Prerequisite: LING 321.

Transformational analysis within a Chomskyan framework; deep structure, surface structure, universal conditions on the form and application of transformational rules.

2007 - 80 Add PSYC 4XX/5300: Withdrawn by chair; this item inadvertently duplicated 2007 – 71.

2007 - 81 Change LING 360: Approved

Approved catalog copy:

LING 360. Special Topics in Linguistics

3 credits. Seminar. Prerequisites: LING 308 and LING 321. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

Topics in general linguistics at an advanced level.

2007 - 82 Proposal to Change CDIS 374: Approved

Approved catalog copy:

CDIS 374. Clinical Project in Speech-Language Pathology

Three credits. Independent Study.

Written report and oral presentation on a client's clinical intervention. The clinical project must be successfully completed to graduate with an M.A. in speech-language pathology via the non-thesis track.

3. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm. [Next meetings 9, 16 & 30 october]

Submitted by Harris Fairbanks, Secretary pro tem.