

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Committee on Curricula and Courses  
Minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2007  
(approved 11 December 2007)**

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research Center at 3:35 PM, Nov. 13, 2007.

Present:

Bifulco, Robert, (DPP); Clark, Austen (PHIL); Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Dashefsky, Arnie (SOCl); Dudas, Jeffrey (POLs); Fairbanks, A. Harris (ENGL); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Gallo, Robert, (PNB); Hamilton, Douglas (CLAS); Henning, Robert, (PSYCH); Knecht, David (MCB); Langlois, Richard (ECON); Leibowitz, Gerald (MATH); Manning, J, (Chair); McComiskey, Marita (WS); Musiek, Frank (COMS); Olson, Sherri (HIST); Rawitscher, George (PHYS); Schultz, Eric (EEB); Worcester, Wayne (JOUR). Guest: Adam Fry (EEB)

## **1. PRELIMINARIES**

**a. Rob Henning was appointed secretary *pro tem*.**

**b. The minutes of the 30 October meeting were corrected, and approved:**

**c. Report of approvals by chair during the interval.**

Editing of course name for 2007 - 123 was done at the request of SOCl ('in Public Policy' added) PP 3XZ. Qualitative Methods in Public Policy 3 credits. Seminar.

**d. The Chair's report consisted of the following:**

1. A reminder. This committee considers proposals from departments and similar units, not from individuals: departmental 'ownership' is a key element of course accreditation.

It is the policy of this committee that proposals related to courses, majors and minors be submitted to the chair by the committee's departmental representative. Often, the chair identifies apparent problems and seeks to resolve them before posting proposals to the agenda.

The chair is happy to receive enquiries from any college faculty member, but the final text of any proposal to be considered by the committee must document the consultation and approval of the unit that will assume responsibility for the course or program as described in the proposal. And preliminary questions related to proposals are often more effectively addressed in consultation with department representatives already familiar with our committee's practices and expectations.

2. On-Line courses, some important features for these courses were discussed. Follow-up discussion planned for March 2008.

3. Accreditation procedures, and what accreditation means was briefly discussed.

4. Spring meeting schedule: Feb 2nd will be the first meeting date of the spring 2008 semester.

5. Still time to submit to Registrar as an editorial change: "Juniors and seniors only" (versus "Open to sophomores").

## **2. DEPARTMENTAL COURSE PROPOSALS**

**A. Departmental Course Proposals postponed earlier**

**147 Change GEOL 213 (no representative present, no action)**

**163 Change the Asian American Studies Minor (deferred pending representation; approval dates)**

**166 Add LING 250 (3850), approved**

**Final catalog copy:**

**LING 250[3850]. Cultural and Linguistic Variation in the Deaf Community**

Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: LING 150[2850].

Language and cultural models used in the Deaf community. Critical examination of demographic subgroups of the Deaf community and their linguistic background.

## **B. New Departmental Proposals**

**2007 - 175 Add PSYC 3402W, Approved**

**Final catalog copy:**

PSYC 3402W. Child Development in Sociopolitical Context

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PSYC 1100, PSYC 1101 or 1103, AND PSYC 2400 or instructor consent; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 3800.

Social, political, economic, and geographic influences on child development. Topics include children orphaned by AIDS or affected by war, child labor, and child trafficking.

**2007 - 176 Change the Biological Sciences Major, Approved**

**Final catalog copy:**

Biological Sciences Major

The requirements for the major in Biological Sciences are designed to ensure a sound and broad background in biology, with opportunities to explore related fields. Biological Sciences majors should take BIOL 1107 and 1108, but majors interested primarily in botany may wish to take BIOL 1110 in addition or may substitute BIOL 1110 for BIOL 1108. Students wishing to complete this major must take at least 24 credits of 200's level courses from EEB, MCB, and PNB. It is strongly recommended that at least four courses include laboratory or field work. In addition to laboratory work associated directly with courses, Independent Study (course #299 in any of the three biology departments) will provide majors with a means of gaining specific research experience. Courses chosen for the major must include at least one course or course sequence from each of the following three groups: A. MCB 2410, 2000, 3010, 2210, 2413, or 2610 B. EEB 2244/2244W or 2245/2245W. C. PNB 2250, or 2274-2275. (Note: PNB 2274-2275 must be taken in sequence to be counted towards the Biology major.) To satisfy the writing in the major and information literacy competency requirements, all students must pass at least one of the following courses: EEB 3209W, 4243W, 2244W, 2245W, 4276W, 3220W, 4251W, 4253W, 4896W, 4230W, 335W; MCB 4026W, 3640W, 3841W, 4997W; PNB 3263WQ, 4296W; or any 200-level W course approved for this major. A minor in Biological Sciences is described in the "Minors" section.

Majors are also offered in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Physiology and Neurobiology, and Structural Biology and Biophysics. These majors are described in separate sections in the catalog.

**2007 - 177 Add BIOL 2XX, Approved**

**Final catalog copy:**

BIOL 2XX. Peer mentoring in Biology.

Either semester. One credit, S/U grading. Prerequisite: BIOL 107 or 108, and instructor consent. May be repeated once with a change in content. *Fry*

Theories of learning: cognitive, affective, and metacomprehension domains. The course will cover learning and teaching styles, processing information, effective note-taking, affective/emotional variables that influence learning, and group dynamics. Students will also learn how to conduct study groups and workshops in the Biological Sciences.

**2007 - 178 Change the POLS Major, Approved**

### **Final catalog Description of the Major:**

Political Science serves students whose primary interest is in some phase of public affairs (law, politics, government service), international relations (foreign service), in gaining a better understanding of the entire field of governmental organization and functions.

**Major Courses:** A minimum of 24 credits in Political Science numbered 2000 or above (none on a pass-fail basis). Inter-departmental courses may not be included in the 24 credits. No more than 6 credits of independent study and/or field work can be counted toward the 24 credits.

**A.** Students majoring in Political Science must pass introductory 1000-level courses in three of the following four subdivisions: Theory and Methodology (106), Comparative Politics (121 or 143), International Relations (132), and American Politics (173). It is recommended that these courses be taken during the student's first two years of study.

**B.** All majors in political science must pass at least one course in **four** of the following six subdivisions (total of 12 credits). A W or Q course may be substituted for the same numbered course. Cross-listed courses may count only once toward this distribution requirement:

I. Theory and Methodology: 3042, 201, 202, 204, 206W, 207, 291

II. Comparative Politics: 3208, 3237, 203W, 223, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 235, 237, 239, 244, 258

III. International Relations: 3438, 3464, 211, 212, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, 279

IV. American Politics: 3604, 3850W, 241, 242, 245, 247, 248, 249, 263, 270, 273, 274, 275

V. Public Administration, Policy and Law: 3847, 250, 251, 252, 253, 255, 256, 259, 260, 261, 264, 276

VI. Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics: 3210, 3218, 3464, 203W, 204, 225, 239, 245, 247, 248, 249, 256, 263

POLS 296 and 298 may be counted toward this distribution only with consent of advisor.

POLS 208, 287, 288W, 289, 297, 299 may **not** be counted toward the Group B distribution requirement.

The writing in the major requirement may be satisfied by passing any 2000-level W course. Advanced information literacy exit requirements are incorporated into all Ws in the major, and students who successfully complete political science W courses will have met this requirement.

A minor in Political Science is described in the "Minors" section.

### **2007 - 179 Change the POLS Minor, Approved**

#### **Final catalog Description of the Minor:**

"Students must complete an introductory 1000-level course selected from among POLS 106, 121, 132, 143, or 173. At least one additional 1000-level course is recommended. Students must complete at least 15 credits of course work at the 2000's level (or higher, with consent of instructor and minor advisor). POLS 297 and 299 may not be counted toward the minor. POLS 296 and 298 may be counted toward the minor only with consent of the advisor. A W or Q course may be substituted for the same numbered course.

Students must complete at least 15 credits of POLS work at the 2000 level (or higher, with consent of instructor and minor advisor). Of these 15 credits, 9 credits (3 courses) must be elections taken from 3 of the 6 disciplinary subdivisions as they appear in the Major's

Distribution B requirement. Cross-listed courses may count only once toward this distribution requirement."

**Submitted, Robert Henning, secretary *pro tem***