

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Curricula & Courses
Minutes of the meeting of 12 February 2008

I. Preliminaries

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research center at 3:31 p.m., February 12, 2008.

Present: Baxter, Donald (PHIL); Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Desai, Manisha (WS); Dudas, Jeffrey (POLS); Fairbanks, Hap (ENGL); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Goldman, Jane (HDFS); Hamilton, Doug (CLAS); Knecht, David (MCB); Leibowitz, Gerald (MATH); Manning, John (Chair); Max, Ludo (COMM); Michel, Robert (CHEM); Morand, Olivier (ECON); Olson, Sherri (HIST); Rawitscher, George (PHYS); Schultz, Eric (EEB); Skoog, Amelie (MARN); Guest: Byrne, Tim (GEOL)

- a. Donald Baxter was appointed secretary *pro tem*.
- b. The minutes of the 11 December 2007 meeting had been approved by electronic ballot on 20 December 2007.
- c. Chair's report of approvals since last meeting: 2008-11, HDFS 298 (*see below*), Consumer Rights and Responsibilities, was approved by the chair.
- d. **Chair's report:** Except for brand new courses, please supply both old three digit and new four digit numbers for any submission.
- e. **Writing task force:** Hamilton reported on the task force's interest in recognizing and supporting the, sometimes extensive, writing done in non-W courses. Manning noted that the task force will meet again, and that the moratorium on the third W course will expire next year. There was speculation that support for non-W course writing, if formalized, could conceivably replace the requirement of the third W course.
- f. **Extracollegiate offerings:**
 1. The Senate recently decided to recommend to the provost that there be two types of interdisciplinary courses: (i) "Affiliated" INTD courses jointly sponsored by departments each of which is in a school or college, and subject to the approval of curricula and courses committees of schools or colleges, (ii) "Non-affiliated" UNIV courses put forward by units not in schools or colleges and typically non-academic, that would require Senate approval. Text to be circulated.
 2. Committee members were asked to convey comments to Hamilton or Manning, and to ponder whether CLAS ought to put a limit on the number of UNIV courses that a student can apply to a degree.
 3. Attorney General Blumenthal is investigating study abroad programs for possible financial improprieties, and Manning raised a concern about potential improprieties in the awarding of academic credit. Currently the Study Abroad Office does the evaluation of incoming credit from foreign universities, and is empowered to award UConn credit complete with UConn numbers and grades. However, only faculties are authentic granters of credit, so there is the possibility of courses being approved by personnel not qualified to evaluate academic merit. Some members pointed out that the Study Abroad office seems to be making a good faith effort to get faculty input. Still, the worry is that there are no safeguards protecting against inappropriate approvals.
- g. **Other business**
 1. It was pointed out that the new numbering system, which restricts graduate students to taking only 4000 level courses for credit, restricts them from taking undergraduate courses that previously they could take as part of the 6 undergraduate credits allowed them. Members were asked to ponder whether this development raises a problem that needs to be addressed.
 2. The March meeting, to avoid conflict with spring break, is postponed to Tuesday March 18.

II. Departmental Course Proposals

A. Proposals upon which action was postponed earlier

2007 – 147 Proposal to Change GEOL 213 (revised submission). Approved

Final Catalog Copy (changes underlined):

GEOL 213 (2213). Spring Field Trip

Second semester. 3 credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 103 or 105, or BIOL 107 or 108, or consent of instructor. A field-based introduction to the integration of geological and biological observations and processes. Field trip during and weekly meetings before and after spring break. May be repeated for credit with change in field venue or permission of the instructor.

2007 - 181 Proposal to Change PHYS 258WC-259C. Withdrawn (See 2008-09, below).

2007 - 182 Proposal to Change PHYS 292W. Withdrawn (See 2008-09, below).

B. New Departmental Proposals

2008 – 01 Proposal to Change the MATH Major. Approved.

Final catalog Description of the Major:

Final catalog copy, paragraph 2 (additions underlined):

MATH 2784, 2794W, 2194W, 2720W, 2010Q, 2011Q, and 3670W and STAT 3484 and 3494W may not be counted in any of the major groups listed below.

2008 – 02 Proposal to Change MATH 280. Approved.

Final Catalog Copy:

MATH 3615 (280). Financial Mathematics Problems. Approved.

Both semesters. One credit. Prerequisite: MATH 2620 (285).

Preparation for the financial mathematics actuarial examination, which tests a student's knowledge of the theory of interest and financial economics at an introductory level. Will meet twice a week.

2008 – 03 Proposal to Change the Criminal Justice Minor. Approved.

Final catalog Description of the Minor (changes underlined):

Criminal Justice

The purpose of this minor is to provide in-depth study of topics in criminal justice and to offer preparation for possible careers within the criminal justice system. A maximum of three credits in the minor can be part of a major; 12 to 15 credits can constitute the related area courses.

Course Requirements. A total of 18 credits, comprised of 15 credits from the following courses (Groups I and II) and 3 credits of approved internship or field experience in a criminal justice setting (Group III):

I. Three required courses:

POLS 3827, SOCI 2301, PSYC 2300

II. Two or more elective courses (six credits) from the following: HDFS 2001, 3520, 3340, 3510, 3103; HRTS/WS 3263; PHIL 3226; POLS 3817, 3802, 3842, 2622; 3999 (on a criminal justice topic); PSYC 2100Q, 2700, 2301, 2501; SOCI 3311, 3315, 3315W, 3307, 3503, 3457, 3425, 3999 (on a criminal justice topic).

III. Three credits of approved internship or field experience. The academic credits must be one of the following courses (or combinations of courses) and the coursework must be done in a criminal justice setting:

HDFS 3080 Supervised Field Experience; INTD 3590 Urban Field Studies; POLS 3991 Supervised Field Work (or a combination of two credits of POLS 3991 with an associated one credit of POLS 3999); SOCI 3990 Field Experience (or a combination of two credits of SOCI 3990 with an associated one credit of SOCI 3991); PSYC 3880 Field Experience; or another 2000-level or higher internship or field work course

with field study done in a criminal justice setting approved in advance by the student's Criminal Justice Advisor.

Students who are employed full time within a criminal justice setting may have the Group III requirement waived by their Criminal Justice Advisor when employment is documented by their supervisor.

W versions of courses listed in Groups I-III above are acceptable substitutes within the minor.

The minor is offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and coordinated by the Individualized and Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Center for Undergraduate Education. Details of the minor are available at http://www.iisp.uconn.edu/criminal_justice_minor.htm. For further information, students may contact the Criminal Justice Advisor in their major field or Dr. Margaret Lamb, Director, Individualized and Interdisciplinary Studies Program, iisp@uconn.edu.

Criminal Justice Advisors: Frank Goetz at Frank.Goetz@UConn.edu (Political Science); Eleanor Coldwell at Eleanor.Coldwell@UConn.edu (Psychology); Steven Wisensale at Steven.Wisensale@UConn.edu (Human Development and Family Studies); Bradley Wright at Bradley.Wright@UConn.edu (Sociology); Nadine Brennan at Nadine.Brennan@UConn.edu (Urban and Community Studies; Greater Hartford campus); and Margaret Lamb at Margaret.Lamb@UConn.edu (Criminal Justice minor coordinator).

2008 – 04 Proposal to Change CDIS 336. Approved.

Final Catalog Copy (change underlined):

CDIS 336. Clinical Practicum in Speech Disorders 1 credit. Discussion/Practicum. May be repeated for credit.

2008 - 05 Proposal to Add POLS 5406. Approved.

Final catalog copy (change underlined):

POLS 5406. Seminar in the American Political System. 3 credits. Seminar.

Examination of empirical research in American politics, including institutions and processes.

2008 – 06 Proposal to Add POLS 5407. Approved.

Final catalog copy:

POLS 5407. Special Topics in American Political Institutions and Policy.

3 credits. Seminar.

The institutions and policy-making process of American government.

2008 – 07 Proposal to Add POLS 5408. Approved.

Final catalog Listing (change underlined):

POLS 5408. Special Topics in American Political Behavior.

3 credits. Seminar.

The political behavior of the American public, including public opinion, voting behavior, and other forms of participation.

2008 – 08 Proposal to Add POLS 5409. Approved.

Final catalog Listing:

POLS 5409. Special Topics in American Race, Gender and Ethnic Politics.

3 credits. Seminar.

The politics of American race, gender and ethnicity, with a focus on disadvantaged groups and their influence on the political process.

2008 – 09 Proposal to Change the PHYSICS Major. Approved.

Final catalog Description of the Major (changes underlined). Only the paragraph that contains the change is printed below. The rest of the description of the major is unchanged (other than the replacement of the course numbers by the new ones):

Physics

Students satisfy the information literacy competency exit requirements in the Physics Major, by passing [PHYS 2300](#) and PHYS 2501 WC, both required courses for the Physics Major. The University's computer technology and writing competency requirements are achieved by passing [PHYS](#)

[2501WC](#). These requirements apply to both the Physics B.S. and the B.A. degrees. Courses that further enhance competencies are [PHYS 2200](#) for computer technology, and [PHYS 4096W](#) for writing skills.

2008 – 10 Proposal to Change PHYS 127 (1300).Approved.

In the course of discussion it was moved and seconded to add "May not meet the Physics requirement for programs other than Pharmacy." The motion was defeated.

Final Catalog Copy:

1300 (127). Physics for the Pharmacy Profession Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: MATH 1121Q which can be taken concurrently, or MATH 1131Q, or MATH 1151. Not open for credit to students who have passed PHYS 1230, 1401, 1402, 1601, 1602, 1501, or 1502. Survey of the principles of physics and their application to the pharmaceutical sciences. Basic concepts of calculus are used. Examples from mechanics, electricity and magnetism, thermodynamics, fluids, waves, and atomic and nuclear physics.

2008 – 11 Revised Proposal to offer HDFS 298, Special Topics: Consumer Rights. Second Offering. (Approved by Chair).

III. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by Donald Baxter, secretary *pro tem*