

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Curricula & Courses
Minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2008
Approved 16 April 2008

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research center at 3:30 p.m., 18 March 2008.

Present: Arlene Albert (MCB); Baxter, Donald (PHIL) Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Dashefsky, Arnie (SOC), Dudas, Jeffrey (POLS); Fairbanks, Hap (ENGL); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Gallo, Bob (PNB), Goldman, Jane (HDFS); Hamilton, Doug (CLAS); Henning, Robert (PSYCH); Leibowitz, Gerald (MATH); Manning, John (Chair); Max, Ludo (COMS); Morand, Olivier (ECON); Olson, Sherri (HIST); Schultz, Eric (EEB); Skoog, Annelie (MARN); Guests: Dupran, Christopher (Geosciences); Visscher, Pieter (Geosciences). Visiting: Schafer, Sylvia (History); Overmyer-Velazquez, Mark (History)

I. Preliminaries

- a. Roger Travis was appointed secretary *pro tem*.
- b. The minutes of the 12 December 2008 meeting were approved with one change (strike redundant "approved" in 2008-2).
- c. Chair reported approval of CAMS 3295 (2008-25) and COMM 4995 (2008-26; both *below*)
- d. Discussion of senate's proposed approach to INTD & UNIV courses. Manning and Hamilton will attend a meeting with of administrative personnel on this topic called for 20 March. The committee expressed various cautions on such courses, and attention was called to the college's expressed prohibition against credit not approved by a school or college curriculum committee.
- e. April will perhaps require only one meeting, not two as scheduled. If so, we shall meet on the later scheduled date, 22 April.

II. Departmental Course Proposals

2008 - 12 Proposal to Add POLS 32xx (& its W variant, 2008 – 13, below)

Approved catalog Listing:

POLS 32XX. Indigenous Peoples' Politics and Rights

Three credits. Recommended Preparation: POLS 121 or 143.

Governments, political behavior, human rights and constitutional rights of indigenous peoples of North America and Latin America. Impact of international law and globalization on indigenous peoples.

2008 – 13 Proposal to Add POLS 32XXW (variant of 2008 – 12, above)

Approved catalog Listing:

POLS 32XXW. Indigenous Peoples' Politics and Rights

Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250. Recommended preparation: POLS 121 or 143.

Governments, political behavior, human rights and constitutional rights of indigenous peoples of North America and Latin America. Impact of international law and globalization on indigenous peoples.

2008 - 14 Proposal to Add POLS 32XY (and its W variant, 2008 – 15, below)

Approved catalog Listing:

POLS 32XY. Ethnic Conflict and Democracy in Comparative Perspective

Either semester. Three credits. Recommended preparation: POLS 121 or 143.

Conflicts among ethno-national groups in democratic and democratizing states and conflict management strategies. Theoretical approaches to understanding origin-of-identity conflicts.

2008 – 15 Proposal to Add POLS 32XYW (variant of 2008-14, above)

Approved catalog Listing:

POLS 32XYW. Ethnic Conflict and Democracy in Comparative Perspective

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250. Recommended preparation: POLS 121 or 143.

Conflicts among ethno-national groups in democratic and democratizing states and conflict management strategies. Theoretical approaches to understanding origin-of-identity conflicts.

2008 – 16 Proposal to Add MCB 3XXX

Approved Catalog Listing:

MCB 3xxx Molecular Endocrinology

First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: BIOL 107; Recommended preparation: PNB 262. Open to juniors and seniors only.

Molecular mechanism(s) of hormone action in vertebrates and invertebrates. Molecular cloning and characterization of peptide hormone genes, purification and molecular characterization of receptors, hormone actions at the molecular levels and signal transduction. Includes student presentations on selected papers.

2008 – 17 Proposal to Add MCB 5XXX

Approved Catalog Listing:

MCB 5xxx. Molecular Endocrinology

First semester. 3 credits.

Molecular mechanism(s) of hormone action in vertebrates and invertebrates. Molecular cloning and characterization of peptide hormone genes, purification and molecular characterization of receptors, hormone actions at the molecular levels and signal transduction. Includes student presentations on selected papers.

2008 – 18 Postponed for lack of representation; Leibowitz to enquire of Fine Arts concerning proposal details.

2008 – 19 Proposal to Change GEOL 240 (4110)

Approved catalogue listing:

GEOL 4110. Sedimentology

First semester, alternate years. Three credits. Two class periods and one 3-hour laboratory period. Prerequisites: GEOL 1050 or GEOL 1051, 1052. Recommended preparation: GEOL 3020.

Basic principles of sedimentology with an emphasis on the description of sedimentary texture and structure. Physicochemical and biological processes that characterize depositional environments.

Diagenesis. Examination of modern systems to interpret ancient sedimentary environments. One or more weekend field trips may be required.

2008 – 20 Proposal to Add GEOL 4130

Approved catalog Listing:

GEOL 4130. Geomicrobiology

First semester, alternate years. Three credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1050 (GEOL 105) or GEOL 1051 (GEOL 103), 1052 (GEOL 107) or BIOL 1108 (BIOL 108) or instructor consent. Recommended preparation: GEOL 3010 (GEOL 250), MCB 2610 (MCB 229). *Visscher, Dupraz*

Microbial diversity and biogeochemistry, microbe-mineral interactions, fossil record, atmospheric record, microbialites, and research methodology in geomicrobiology. A weekend fieldtrip may be required.

2008 – 21 Proposal to Add HIST 5475

Approved catalog Listing:

HIST 5475. Histories of the Body: European Perspectives since 1500

3 credits. Seminar. Instructor consent required.

Historical and interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the body and the European imagination since 1500. Topics include: representations of health and illness; the body as a site of law and sovereign power; sexed bodies; the body in social and political theory; the government of life and death; race and ethnicity.

2008 – 22 Proposal to Add HIST/PRLS/LAMS 1570

Approved catalog Listing:

HIST/PRLS/LAMS 1570: Honors Core: Migrant Workers

Three credits. Consent of instructor. *Overmyer-Velázquez*
Interdisciplinary honors course on the life and work experiences of migrant workers with focus on Connecticut. Integrated service learning component.

2008 – 23 Proposal to Add LING 5799

Approved catalog Listing:

LING 5799 Directed Reading in Linguistics
1-6 credits. Independent Study.

2008 – 24 Proposal to Add POLS 32YY & 32YYW

Approved catalog Listings:

POLS 32YY. Electoral Realignment

Either semester. Three credits. Open only to juniors and seniors.

Theoretical and empirical examination of electoral realignment in the United States.

POLS 32YYW. Electoral Realignment

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250. Open only to juniors and seniors.

2008 – 25 Proposal to offer CAMS 3295 "Special Topics", The Hellenistic World. Approved by chair.

2008 - 26 Proposal to offer COMM 298/4995 "Special Topics", Managing and Negotiating Interpersonal Conflict. Approved by chair.

2008 – 27 Proposal to Change COMM 212 (4340)

Tabled.

2008 – 28 Proposal to Add PNB 4XXX

Approved catalog Listing:

PNB 4XXX. Biology of Nervous System Diseases

First semester, alternate years. Three credits. Prerequisite: PNB251 or PNB274; MCB200 or MCB203, MCB204 or MCB210; or consent of instructor. *Nishiyama, Walikonis*

Basic principles of genetics, molecular and cell biology, and physiology as applied to the mechanisms of disease and repair processes in the nervous system. Topics include established concepts and areas of current research on chronic neurodegenerative, synaptic, and demyelinating disorders, acute trauma and cerebrovascular disorders, and plasticity and repair.

2008 – 29 Proposal to Add SPAN 1XXX

Approved catalog Listing:

SPAN 1XXX. Contemporary Spanish Culture and Society through Film

Either semester. Three credits. Knowledge of Spanish is not required. Taught in English.

Critical approaches to Spanish culture and society from before the civil war to the present as portrayed in Spanish film. Introduction to filmic textual analysis and film history. Discussion of the avant-garde, social art, revolutionary movements, civil war, exile, Francoism, democratic transition, peripheral nationalisms, immigration, cultural diversity, postmodernity, globalization.

2008 – 30 Proposal to Add PNB 4YYY

Approved catalog Listing:

PNB 4YYY. Neuroethology

First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PNB 274 or consent of instructor. Recommended preparation: PNB 251. Chapple

Neural mechanisms of stereotyped behavior in vertebrates and invertebrates, emphasizing model systems. Shaping of these systems by environmental requirements and the evolutionary histories of the animals.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. Submitted by Roger Travis, secretary *pro tem*