

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Curricula & Courses
Minutes of the meeting of 28 October 2008
[revised and approved by electronic ballot 12 November 2008]

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research center at 3:32 p.m., 28 October 2008.

Present: Bayulgen, Oksan (POLS); Caner, Dan (HIST); Clark, Austen (PHIL); Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Fairbanks, Hap (ENGL); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Gallo, Bob (PNB); Goldman, Jane (HDFS); Hamilton, Doug (CLAS); Henning, Robert (PSYCH); Knecht, David (MCB); Kuo, Lynn (STAT); Langlois, Dick (ECON); Leibowitz, Gerald (MATH); Linnekin, Jocelyn (ANTH); Manning, John (Chair); McComiskey, Marita (WS); Michel, Robert (CHEM); Musiek, Frank (COMM); Rawitscher, George (PHYS); Robbins, Mark (DPP); Rockwell, Richard (SOCI); Schultz, Eric (EEB); Skoog, Annelie (MARN); Travis, Roger (MCL). Guests: Bontly, Thomas (COGS); Byrne, Tim (GEOL); Hiskes, Richard (HRTS); Snyder, William (COGS).

I. Preliminaries

- a. Jon Gajewski was appointed secretary *pro tem*.
- b. The minutes of the 14 October 2008 meeting were approved with minor revisions.
- c. Chair's report:
 1. Chair reported approvals of ANTH 3095 (2008-132, below), MCB 3895 (2008-153, below) and ANTH 3095 (2008-156, below).
 2. NRME 1235 and LAND 2210 need to be assigned to CLAS Gen Ed groups. Action was postponed pending provision of full proposals and syllabi.
 3. The possibility of an MCL name change was discussed. Many members of the committee expressed the opinion that MCL ought to keep its name or at most change to Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. No action was taken, pending further discussion within MCL.
 4. The committee discussed possible actions it could take to change the curriculum in response to the meeting with Dean Teitelbaum on 14 October. Discussion centered on the encouraging Honors students to take graduate courses and considering alternative methods for offering W courses. A sub-committee will be established to focus discussion on specific issues and develop recommendations to the committee at large.
 5. Chair drew the committee's attention to the proposal for a Special Program in Law to be offered by the university. Potential concerns for the college were raised and discussed.
 6. Further to discussion of proposal 2008-145 (below), it was agreed that approval procedures for on-line courses require confirmation as per the subcommittee report considered at the 24 April 2007 meeting. Michel drew attention to special problems associated with laboratory courses; such courses ought always be in blended format.

II. Departmental Course Proposals

1. Proposals postponed from an earlier meeting:

2008 – 55 Proposal to Add SOCI 2XXX & its variant 2XXXW

Approved catalog listing:

SOCI 2XXX. Sociology of Intolerance and Injustice

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to sophomores and higher.

Sociological concepts of intolerance and injustice and how they affect members of marginalized groups; case studies may consider social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age, religion, and disability.

SOCI 2XXXW. Sociology of Intolerance and Injustice

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 1010, 1011 or 3800; open to sophomores and higher. Sociological concepts of intolerance and injustice and how they affect members of marginalized groups; case studies may consider social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age, religion, and disability.

2008 – 69 Proposal to Change the Latino Studies Minor

Approved catalog listing:

Latino Studies

This minor advances a critical understanding of Latinos/as as an integral social and cultural component of the U.S. society and of the American hemisphere. Since it employs interdisciplinary research methods, this minor enhances a variety of majors and fields of study.

Requirements: The Latino Studies minor requires a minimum of 15 credits of coursework. At least nine of these credits must be from courses listed as, or cross-listed with PRLS: PRLS 3210/SPAN 3204, PRLS 3211, PRLS 3220/HIST 3674, PRLS/HRTS 3221/HIST 3575, PRLS 3230/WS 3258, PRLS 3231/WS 3259, PRLS 3232/ENGL 3605, PRLS 3233/ENGL 3607, PRLS 3241/ANTH 3041, PRLS 3250/HDFS 3442, PRLS 3251/HDFS 3268, PRLS 3264/WS 3260/COMM 3321, PRLS 3265/SPAN 3265, PRLS 3270/POLS 3662, PRLS 3271, PRLS 3295, PRLS 3298, PRLS 3299, PRLS/HIST/LAMS3660W, PRLS4212, PRLS/COMM4320.

Additional courses elected from the following list may be counted toward the six non-PRLS credits permitted toward satisfaction of the required total of fifteen: ANTH 3021, ANTH 3022, ANTH 3029, ANTH 3042, ANTH 3150, ANTH 3152, COMM 4450W, COMM 4460, COMM 4802, ECON 2456, ENGL 3218, ENGL 3265W, ENGL 4203W, HDFS 3421, HIST 3554, HIST 3608W, HIST 3609, HIST 3610, HIST 3620, HIST 3621, HIST/LAMS 3635, HIST 4994W, POLS 3218, POLS 3232, POLS 3235, POLS 3237, POLS 3452, SOCI 3421, SOCI 3421W, SOCI 3501, SOCI 3503, SOCI 3505, SOCI 3429, SOCI 3831, SOCI 3901, SOCI 3903, SOCI 3907, SOCI 3911, SOCI 3971, WS 3209, WS 3267.

The Institute of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies offers this minor. For more information contact Dr. Guillermo B. Irizarry at guillermo.irizarry@uconn.edu or call 486.3997.

2008 – 102 Proposal to Change EEB 3247

Approved catalog listing:

3247. Limnology

(247) (Also offered as ENVE 3320.) First semester. Four credits. Three class periods and one 4-hour laboratory period. Prerequisites: MATH 1120 or 1131; CHEM 1122 or 1124 or 1127 or 1137 or 1147; BIOL 1108; or instructor consent. Linkages among physical, chemical, and biological processes in freshwater habitats.

2008 – 125 Proposal to Add MCB 3XXX

Approved catalog listing:

MCB 3XXX Introduction to Translational Research

Fall semester. Three credits. One 2-hour lecture on Storrs campus and one 4-hour work period in hospital. Prerequisite: BIOL 107; Recommended preparation: MCB 2000/3010 (203/204) or MCB 2210 (210) or MCB 2610 (226). Open to juniors or higher. Open only with consent of instructor.

Basic science and design of human subject research; participation in clinical, patient-oriented research projects in a hospital setting.

2008 – 126 Proposal to Add PSYC 5799

Approved catalog listing:

PSYC 5799. Research Team in Social Psychology. 1-3 credits, May be repeated for up to 12 credits. Seminar. Instructor consent required.

Planning and execution of both individual and collaborative research projects in social psychology.

2008 – 132 Proposal to offer ANTH 3095 "Special Topics": Slavery and Freedom. Approved by chair. Short description: Ethical, political and social dimensions of slavery, and of struggles against human trafficking, debt peonage and other forms of un-free labor, examined in cross-cultural and historical perspectives.

2008 – 133 Proposal to Drop MCB 5423. Approved.

2008 -- 134 Proposal to Drop MCB 4994W. Approved.

2008 -- 135 Proposal to Drop MCB 4415. Approved.

2008 -- 136 Proposal to Change MCB 5008

Approved catalog listing:

5008. Techniques of Biophysical Chemistry
(308) 3 credits. Lecture.

Theory and applications of biophysical methods for the analysis of the size, shape and interactions of proteins and nucleic acids. Topics include analytical ultracentrifugation, light scattering, X-ray scattering, calorimetry, surface plasmon resonance and single molecule approaches.

2008 -- 137 Proposal to Change MCB 4008

Approved catalog listing:

4008. Techniques of Biophysical Chemistry

(208) Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: MCB 3007, or CHEM 3563, or instructor consent.

Theory and applications of biophysical methods for the analysis of the size, shape and interactions of proteins and nucleic acids. Topics include analytical ultracentrifugation, light scattering, X-ray scattering, calorimetry, surface plasmon resonance and single molecule approaches.

2008 -- 138 Proposal to Change MCB 2410

Approved catalog listing:

2410. Genetics

(200) Either semester. Three credits. Two lectures and one problem session. Not open to students who have passed MCB 2400. Prerequisite: BIOL 1107.

Principles of eukaryotic genetics.

2008 -- 139 Proposal to Drop MCB 3006. Approved.

2008 -- 140 Proposal to Change HIST 3562 [Postponed for consultation with other departments.]

2008 -- 141 Proposal to Change HIST 3101W

Approved catalog listing:

3101W. History through Fiction

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250. Open to juniors or higher. With a change in topic, this course may be repeated for credit.

What classic novels and other works of fiction reveal about major historical periods and themes in history. Variable topics. May be offered from an American or European perspective.

2008 -- 142 Proposal to Change HIST 3335/CAMS 3250 [see 2008 – 144, below]

2. New Departmental Proposals

2008 – 143 Proposal to Add COGS 5XXX

Approved catalog listing:

COGS 5XXX. Cognitive Science Proseminar
3 credits. Seminar.

A survey of current research in cognitive science, with presentations by cognitive science faculty.

2008 – 144 Proposal to Change HIST 3335/CAMS 3250

Approved catalog listing:

HIST 3335. The Early Christian Church

(257) (Also offered as CAMS 3250.) Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher. Recommended preparation: HIST 3325/CAMS 3255 or HIST 3330/CAMS 3256 *Caner*

The evolution of Christian institutions, leadership and doctrines in the Roman Empire ca. 50-451 CE. Topics may include gnosticism, prophecy, martyrdom, asceticism, pilgrimage, heresy, orthodoxy.

CAMS 3250. The Early Christian Church

(250) (Also offered as HIST 3335.) Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher. Recommended preparation: HIST 3325/CAMS 3255 or HIST 3330/CAMS 3256. *Caner*

The evolution of Christian institutions, leadership and doctrines in the Roman Empire ca. 50-451 CE. Topics may include gnosticism, prophecy, martyrdom, asceticism, pilgrimage, heresy, orthodoxy.

2008 – 145 Proposal to Change EEB 2214 [Postponed for clarification of online and short-term issues]

2008 – 146 Proposal to Add ENGL 3082. [Postponed]

2008 – 147 Proposal to Change the ENGL Major. [Postponed]

2008 – 148 Proposal to Change the Environmental Sciences Major

Approved catalog description of the major:

The major in Environmental Science is based in the physical and biological sciences, but also includes course work in selected areas of the social sciences. The major leads to a Bachelor of Science degree, and may be adopted by students in either the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This curriculum offers a comprehensive approach to the study of environmental problems, including not only a rigorous scientific background, but also detailed analyses of the social and economic implications of environmental issues. The complexity and interdisciplinary nature of environmental science is reflected in the core requirements of the major. These courses, assembled from several different academic departments representing two colleges, provide both breadth and depth, preparing students for careers that deal with environmental issues, and for graduate study in environmental science and related fields.

A. Required courses in Basic Science: ARE 1150; BIOL 1107, BIOL 1108 or 1110; CHEM 1124Q, 1125Q, 1126Q or 1127Q, 1128Q; MATH 1120Q, 1121Q or 1122Q, 1131Q, 1132Q; PHYS 1201Q, 1202Q or 1401Q, 1402Q ; STAT 1000Q, or 1100Q or 3025Q.

B. Required Courses in Introductory Environmental Science: Select any two from GEOG 2300, GEOL 1050, MARN 1002, NRME 1000.

C. Required Courses in 2000-level or above in Environmental Science: AH 3175, EEB 2244 or 2244W, GEOL 3020, MARN 3000, NRME 3145.

D. Capstone course: GEOG 3320W

E. General Education competency requirements: Completion of GEOG 3320W will satisfy the writing in the major and information literacy competency requirements. Completion of BIOL 1108 and EEB 2244 will satisfy the Computer Literacy requirement.

F. Concentration requirements. All students majoring in Environmental Science must also fulfill the requirements of a concentration in a discipline associated with the program before graduation. Approved concentrations are listed below.

2008 – 149 Proposal to Add PSYC 5600. [Postponed]

2008 – 150 Proposal to Add PSYC 5699

Approved catalog listing:

PSYC 5699: Research team in industrial/organizational psychology. 1-3 credits. May be repeated. Seminar. Instructor consent required. Planning and execution of both individual and collaborative research projects in industrial/organizational psychology.

2008 – 151 Proposal to Cross-List HIST 3207

Approved catalog listing:

HIST 3207: Genocide after the Second World War (Also offered as HRTS 3207). Second semester. Three credits. Lecture. Recommended preparation: HIST/HRTS 3201. *Gilligan*
Origins of the 1948 Genocide Convention. Several case studies of genocide post WWII: Cambodia, Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, and Darfur. Causes and underlying dynamics of genocide with an emphasis on the international response. Critical evaluation of military, political, and non-governmental measures to prevent genocidal acts.

HRTS 3207: Genocide after the Second World War (Also offered as HIST 3207). Second semester. Three credits. Lecture. Recommended preparation: HRTS/HIST 3201. *Gilligan*
Origins of the 1948 Genocide Convention. Several case studies of genocide post WWII: Cambodia, Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, and Darfur. Causes and underlying dynamics of genocide with an emphasis on the international response. Critical evaluation of military, political, and non-governmental measures to prevent genocidal acts.

2008 – 152 Proposal to Change the Human Rights Minor

Approved catalog listing:

Human Rights

This minor provides interdisciplinary instruction in theoretical, comparative, and historical perspectives on human rights through classroom courses, and valuable practical experience in the human rights field through a supervised internship. Fifteen credits at the 2000-level or above are required. Six credits from Group A, Core Courses, six credits from Group A or B, Electives; and three credits from Group C, Internship. More than six credits may not be taken in one department. A student may petition the Director of the Human Rights Minor to allow a course not on the following list to count as an Elective (Group B).

* Group A. Core Courses.

HRTS/POLS 3042; POLS/HRTS 3212; HIST/HRTS 3201, 3202

* Group B. Electives.

AFAM/HIST/HRTS 3563; AFAM/HRTS/SOCI 3505, 3825; ANTH 3026; ANTH/WS 3350; ANTH/HRTS 3028; AASI 3215; AASI/HIST 3531; AASI 3221/HRTS 3571/SOCI 3221; AASI 3222/HRTS 3573/SOCI 3222; ECON 2127, 2198, 3473; HIST/HRTS 3207; HIST/WS 3562; HIST 3770/AFAM 3224; HIST 3570, 3995; HIST 3575/HRTS 3221/ PRLS 3221; HRTS 3293, 3295, 3299; HRTS/POLS 3418; HRTS/SOCI 3421, 3429, 3801; HRTS/WS 3263; PHIL 2215, 3218; PHIL 2245/ECON 2126; POLS 3255; SOCI/HRTS 3831; SOCI 3503, 3701

* Group C. Internship: HRTS 3245

The minor is offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more information, contact Richard Hiskes in the Political Science department.

2008 – 153 Proposal to offer MCB 3895 "Special Topics": Cancer Cell Biology & Genetics

Approved by chair Short description: Genetics and epigenetics of cancer, and how molecular alterations affect cell proliferation, differentiation and death. Recommended preparation: MCB 2210 and MCB 2410

2008 – 156 Proposal to offer ANTH 3095 "Special Topics" Historical Archaeology. Approved by

chair. Short description: This course is an overview of the field of Historical Archaeology; defined as the integration of anthropological theory, archaeology, material culture and the written record, to reconstruct the histories of literate societies.

Consideration of proposals 2008-146,147,149,154,155 and 2008-157 through 167 was postponed until the 18 November 2008 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm. Submitted by Jon Gajewski, secretary *pro tem*.