

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Committee on Curricula and Courses, Minutes of April 23rd, 2013 Policy Meeting

Called to order by the Chair, Robert G. Michel, at 3:35 PM in OAK 408

Michel volunteered to be secretary *pro tem*

Members attending: Matt Singer (POLS), Samuel Martinez (El Instituto), Harris Fairbanks (ENGL), Richard Langlois (ECON), Rory McGloin (COMM), Eldridge Adams (EEB), Rob Henning (PSYC), Micki McElya (HIST), Bob Gallo (PNB), Merrill Singer (ANTH), Lionel Shapiro (PHIL)

Others attending: Mansour Ndiaye (CLAS), Davita Silfen Glasberg (CLAS). Julia Yakovich (Service Learning), Anne Gebelein (El Instituto)

The following items of business were discussed:

Service Learning (Julia Yakovich and Anne Gebelein)

Upon the invitation of the committee, Julia Yakovich, Director of Service Learning, presented a description of her planning efforts to better organize, enhance and encourage Service Learning in coursework at UCONN. Her presentation was very well received by the committee, with considerable interest in the definition and role of Service Learning at UCONN. There was enthusiastic support for Julia's possible move to the main campus to help engender this C&C activity.

The CLAS C&C committee noted that there is no direct faculty oversight of the Service Learning body. In order to smooth the way, it was suggested amongst committee members that such oversight be established to help support Julia's excellent efforts, and to provide an avenue of communication between the College C&C operations and those of Service Learning. Such oversight would involve a faculty committee chaired by a faculty member. There is a significant body of faculty members already involved in service learning, and so it seems there is a pool of candidates who might be interested.

College General Education Requirements (Lionel Shapiro)

Lionel Shapiro summarized the situation with regard to General Education and the inclusion of new courses into the list of those permissible for students. He has assembled a sub-committee to:

- Develop guiding principles for assigning CLAS categories A-E to course approved by GEOC into Content Area 1
- Use these principles to review the courses that were assigned, since 2007, to categories A-E without the C&C Committee's approval, and either recommend that the C&C Committee confirm these assignments or recommend reassignments.

Members of the subcommittee were approved by voice vote as follows:

Chair, Lionel Shapiro (PHIL), Hap Fairbanks (ENGL), Micki McElya (History), Merrill Singer (Anthropology), Sebastian Wogenstein (LCL), Lindsay Cummings (Dramatic Arts, nonvoting), Katrina Higgins (CLAS, nonvoting)

University Interdisciplinary Courses, UNIV / INTD (Rob Henning)

Rob Henning discussed the UNIV/INTD course designation in general terms with the main concern being that some of these courses are not taught by faculty even though they may be advertised as “faculty/student seminar”. Monsour Ndiaye volunteered to put together data that show how many of these types of courses were being taken by students in CLAS, with a view to a possible credit restriction.

Adjourned to April 30th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted

Robert G. Michel April, 28th, 2013