MINUTES OF THE UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

February 16th, 2015

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Kathy Porter, Sam Lind, Elena Escalera, Steve Bachofer, Steve Miller, Elise Wong, Chris Ray

ABSENT: Chair Robert Gorsch, Jose Feito, and Molly Metherd (all 3 with notice), Sue Fallis

The meeting began approximately 3:30 pm.

Note: The minutes from December 1st, 2014 meeting were approved by email.

Bio 34: Protecting Biodiversity. New Course Approval
Guest: Michael Marchetti

Bio 34 is intended for non-science majors. The course is in the process of getting the Scientific Understanding designation from CCC. This course has lab and lab exercises component and compliments the needs of the department. Bio 34 was offered as an experimental course in spring 2013. The vote to approve Bio 34 as a permanent course: 7 AYE 0 NAY

School of Science Lab Credit Proposal
Guest: Roy Wensley

School of Science was asked by the Senate to send the proposal to UEPC. The Committee recognized the importance of lab work taught by full time faculty members. UEPC voted to recommend the proposal to Senate for approval, and to include other departmental lab courses in the Senate consideration: 7 AYE 0 NAY

AH 100: Women and Art. New Course Approval
Guest: Anna Novakov

AH 100 was a special topic course taught once a year. It was offered as an experimental course in fall 2014. The course contains 30% writing and seems to satisfy the information literacy component. The course will be seeking the Writing in the Discipline designation for Art History majors. The vote to approve AH 100 as a permanent course: 7 AYE 0 NAY

UEPC Rule of Procedure
The Committee consulted the Faculty Handbook and made the following changes

- added the following statement: In order to proceed with a vote, a quorum of 6 out of 11 members must be present.
- Under section 6 the last line is changed to:

6. However, only UEPC members (who are not authors of the proposal) will be present during committee discussion/vote.

The vote to add the above language to the UEPC Rule of Procedure: 7 AYE 0 NAY
French 10 and 11. Changes in course numbers.
Guest: Helga Lenart-Cheng, Claude Malary

French 10 (Conversation-Composition) currently has Global Perspectives designation. When the change to French 5 (Introduction to French Studies) is approved, the designation should be the same. The change of French 11 (Introduction to Literature) to French 100 (French Literary Perspectives) is due to the fact that the current course content already fits the description of an upper division course. The introductory portion is already covered in French 10 (to become French 5). The new French 100 will have a prerequisite of French 4 or 5.

The vote to approve the change French 10 to French 5: 7 AYE 0 NAY
The vote to delete existing French 100 (Advanced Phonetics and History of the French Language), then change French 11 to French 100: 7 AYE 0 NAY

Changes in the Spanish Major.
Guest: Maria Ruiz, Claude Malary, and Lori Spicher

The change in Spanish major to Spanish and Latin American Studies introduces three concentrations: Hispanic Literary Studies, Hispanic Linguistic Studies, and Hispanic Cultural Studies. Some of the courses in the three concentrations overlap in order to provide students greater flexibility. Teaching in English and Spanish in the same course can be a challenge. However, the additional ML designation to SPAN 130 (Thematic and Stylistic Study in Author or Genre) is to encourage more non-Spanish speakers and non-majors to take the class.

Since SPAN/ML 131 (Special Topics in Hispanic Linguistics) and SPAN/ML 133 (Special Topics in Hispanic Cultural Studies) are seeking approval to be offered as experimental courses, the course mapping for the 3 concentrations cannot include SPAN/ML 131 and SPAN/ML 133. The Committee advised that the department should instead submit the proposal to change the title/description of the existing SPAN 130 to include the emphasis/scope of linguistics and culture. The Committee agreed that once the necessary documentations are resubmitted (the proposal to change SPAN 130, the updated proposal to add ML designation to SPAN 130, and the corrected course map for the 3 concentrations), the Committee will vote by email.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Wong