



*Arts & Science Senate
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*

To: Arts and Sciences Senate
From: Nancy Tomes, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Re: 2005-2006 Annual Report
Date: September, 2006

I. General Information

The curriculum committee met twenty-two times during the 2005-2006 academic year. Committee members were: Nancy Tomes (History and chair of the committee, spring; on leave in fall) Judith Lochhead (Music and interim co-chair of the committee, fall), Robert Cerrato (Marine Sciences and interim co-chair of the committee, fall), Catherine Marrone (Sociology), Thomas Weinacht (Physics & Astronomy), Darlene Prowse (Asian and Asian American studies), Anthony Phillips (College of Arts and Sciences, ex officio member, fall only), Roy Lacey (College of Arts and Sciences, spring only), Sarah Sternglanz (Women's Studies, fall only), Arlene Feldman (Transfer Office, ex officio member), Stephanie Dinkins (Art), Leslie Volpe, (Registrar's Office, ex officio member), and Kane Gillespie (College of Arts and Sciences, ex officio secretary). Ellen Lindquist (graduate student co-representative) and Kathleen Flynn (graduate student co-representative) also attended regularly. Though Claire Green-Forde (undergraduate representative) and Vanessa Dumont (undergraduate representative) were expected to attend, they were not able to commit due to their class schedules, and in the spring, Anna Webb was nominated as the undergraduate representative.

The Committee met with several guests, including Dean James Staros, Associate Provost Joseph Auner, and Howard Schneider (Journalism).

Routine matters are handled by the secretary and announced to the committee at each meeting. There were a number of routine matters chiefly involving deletion of courses and changes of course titles, descriptions, course combinations and/or prerequisites to bring them in line with current teaching in preparation for the new bulletin.

The Committee worked to publish two updated online versions of the 2005-07 *Bulletin* (Spring 2006 and Fall 2006 editions). The secretary also serves as the editor of that *Bulletin*.

Members of the Committee served as representatives on four departmental reviews for the Departments of Writing and Rhetoric, Political Science, Africana Studies and for the School of Professional Development.

II. General Curricular Matters

General Education

Skill 4: attempts to determine the status of Skill 4 were made throughout the 2005-2006 academic year; however, the status is still unclear.

The committee is anticipating a quicker response time from SUNY. The committee requests that the process be accelerated.

If any courses are not approved by SUNY, the committee requested a written response from SUNY via the campus representative detailing the reason for each rejection. To date, no such response has been received.

New Combined Degree Programs

The new combined degree programs Bachelors / MBA were approved by NYSED. The A/S Curriculum Committee was consulted only minimally during the proposal process despite the cross-college curricular nature of these programs.

Journalism

The Curriculum Committee spent the better part of seven meetings discussing the proposal for the Major in Journalism. Please see attached report on the proposal for the new Journalism program.

Primary discussion centered on credit load, GPA requirements, and acceptance to the major. A separate report was made to the A/S Senate on March 16, 2006. In addition, the chairs, the executive secretary, and/or the associate deans for curriculum met with Howard Schneider on multiple occasions outside of the regular curriculum meetings. Schneider was extremely cooperative and forthcoming during all stages of the review.

The Major was approved with the understanding that additional materials including course proposals will be submitted in 2006-07. Schneider will propose several new courses in February 2007.

In creating the Major in Journalism, Schneider also required extensive revision of the existing Minor in Journalism. The committee also approved the changes as well as several new JRN courses.

Winter Session

Guests associate Provost Joseph Auner and Dean James Staros attended for a general discussion with the committee. It was decided that for at least the first installment of Winter Session, the committee will review the syllabi for existing courses as well as proposals for any new courses. Students will only be allowed to enroll in one course during the Winter Session so as to allow the students sufficient preparation time. Pre-registration for Winter classes will serve as prerequisites to Spring classes. Finally, although the Winter session is a good opportunity to offer courses that have high demand and low supply during Fall and Spring, the committee agrees that the University should continue to meet demand in the Fall and Spring terms. Students should not be required to pay extra in Summer and Winter for required courses that are not available in Fall or Spring

The following existing and new Winter session courses were approved (Please also see attached spread sheet):

Africana Studies

AFH 396. This class was also approved for co-scheduling with a History course, HIS 396.

Art

ARH 101 was approved.

Asian and Asian American Studies

AAS 487. This class was not approved as the submission of the proposal was too late to be considered. It is under consideration for Winter 2007.

Biology

Chemistry

CHE 133 and CHE 477.

Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies

CCS 101

Economics

ECO 326, ECO 360 and ECO 335. This class was also approved for co-scheduling with AMS 335.

European Language and Literature

ITL 211, Intermediate Italian I was approved. ITL 477, Directed Readings was no as the request for this class was submitted too late for approval. It is under consideration for Winter 2007.

Hispanic Languages

HUS 254, Latin America Today, SPN 112 and SPN 311 were approved.

History

HIS 396/AFS 369, Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation was approved. After much revision and resubmissions HIS 399, Hollywood, was approved.

Marine Sciences

Four new classes were approved: MAR 352 Introduction to Physical Oceanography, MAR 353 Physical Oceanography Lab, MAR 291 Transitional Studies (Approved as a variable 1-2 credit course) and MAR 375 Marine Mammal Rehabilitation. MAR 388 Tropical Ecology was not approved as it was a 5 credit class and there is a 4 credit maximum for classes held during winter session.

Music

MUS 101 Introduction to Music was approved.

Philosophy

PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy, PHI 300 and PHI 306 were all approved.

Political Science

POL 101 Introduction to Political Science, POL 102 and POL 103 were all approved.

Sociology

Courses SOC 302 and 310 were approved.

Psychology

PSY 345 was approved.

Theatre Arts

New classes THR 101, 104, 110 and THR (DAN) 465 Contemporary Dance Technique III were approved.

Women's Studies

WST 103 and 305 were approved.

Writing and Rhetoric

WRT 101 was approved.

III. Significant Curricular Changes by Department

(Please also see attached spreadsheet)

Africana Studies

Three new courses, AFH 392,394 and 396 were approved. AFS 396 was approved for co-scheduling with a graduate English course, EGL 396. Approval for two more courses, AFS 320 and 339 is pending.

Anthropology

The course ANT 359 was approved. It is co-scheduled with ANT/DPA 559: the graduate portion requires approval from the graduate council.

Art

The request to add DEC G to ARH 330 was approved with suggested updates to the course syllabus.

Asian and Asian American Studies

Several new Courses were approved: AAS 300, AAS 487 and AAS 212. AAS/POL 339 and AAS/POL 338 were approved for co-scheduling with political science. The new course proposal for AAS 230 was not approved; further revision of the proposal is needed before approval.

The committee reviewed and approved several changes to the Minor in Korean Studies.

Undergraduate Biology

The 300 level biology class “Development and Evolution of Reptiles and Amphibians” was approved contingent on the assignment of a class number by the department to this class.

The extension of the experimental status of BIO 358 through summer 2006 was approved.

The prerequisite changes for BIO 351 and Bio 315 were approved. The request to drop the lab component of BIO 150 and to discontinue BIO 102 raised many questions and the committee needed further information on these classes from the department before a decision could be made. Gene Katz of the Undergraduate Biology Program attended the Curriculum Committee meeting on 3/29/06 and explained that dropping the lab portion of BIO 150 will allow the re-allocation of badly needed resources. These changes will also be transitional; in the Fall of 2007 a new course proposal for an “Introduction to Science” will be submitted for approval. The committee approved the proposal to drop the lab from BIO 150 and discontinue BIO 102 and requests they receive the new course proposal by Sep/Oct 2006.

Career Center

A new course proposal for EXT 288 Internship was rejected. The Undergraduate Bulletin states that no student can participate in an internship with less than 57 credits. An alternative would be to allow sophomores to take EXT 488 with permission. The Committee passed the proposal to the Undergraduate Council for a review of this policy.

Chemistry

The committee had a positive review of the proposal to increase credits on CHE 321,322 & 326. The proposal is pedagogically sound and that it is good for the course credit to reflect the contact hours. However, the committee asked for the Dean to be consulted regarding the impact on resources and the need for more TAs. In addition to the Biology and Biochemistry programs the committee requests confirmation from other undergraduate program directors/chairs that require these courses for their majors. After much debate and solicited responses from relevant program directors, the Committee approved the change.

CHE 198-199 is discontinued. It will still be on the books but will not be offered in the near future.

The new course proposal for CHE 129-E General Chemistry A raised was approved as well as the discontinuation of CHE 123/124. This involved the changing a many prerequisites in CHE and BIO courses.

Ecology and Evolution

A new course, BIO 358 was approved.

Economics

The new course ECO 323 Applied Microeconomics was approved pending the clarification of the prerequisites required for this class. The current prerequisites for ECO 351 and 352 were augmented to “with C or higher in ECO 303”.

European Language and Literature

The new course RUS 331, Russian Online was approved pending a response to the question, “How does this class fit into the minor?”

Several standard courses were activated: GER 475 and GER 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I and II and RUS 475 and 476, Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I and II.

The committee approved raising the residence requirement for French and Italian majors from 12 to 18 credits. This conforms to the residence requirement already in place for the German major.

Geosciences

The request to inactivate GEO 111 was approved. Some requirements in the Earth Sciences Track of the ESS BA major were changed. Students now have to take ATM 102 before ATM 205. MAR 104 is no longer required and ATM 102 will be offered in its place. The number of credits required for this major does not change.

History

The title of HIS 264 was changed from "Birth of Modern America" to "The Early Republic, 1787-1848". This class was confirmed as a Skill 4 course.

The proposal to change HIS 301 into the required writing intensive course and a topics course for its majors was approved.

The proposal for a BA/MA program with social studies certification was approved on May 4, 2005.

International Academic Programs

The proposal for a new course IAP 488, Internship was rejected on the grounds that an existing course, EXT 488, will satisfy the needs of students wishing to enroll in an internship.

Linguistics

Prerequisites for LIN451,452 and 454 were revised: a student must receive 55 or higher on SPEAK or TSE.

Marine Sciences

The changes in the Major in Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences were approved.

Mathematics

MAT 412 Issues in Teaching College Mathematics was approved.

MAT 171 - MAT 142 syllabus was revised to create a new course, MAT 171, which is an enhanced Fall version of MAT 142.

Restrictions were added to the prerequisites of MAP 101 and MAP 103 to prevent students from enrolling in MAT courses simultaneously with MAP courses.

Music

A new course, MUS 268, Stony Brook Seawolves Marching Band was approved. The committee approved the course effective for Fall 2006 with the stipulation that it can not be used to satisfy the requirements in the Music Major or Music Minor. The course will carry a music designator as Athletics is not an academic department. The course will not be taught by faculty from the music department and will not be administered by the music department. The only departmental involvement will be through faculty representation on an assessment committee. The course will not appear in the Online Fall 2006 *Bulletin* since the application was submitted after the publication date of the Online Bulletin.

Political Science

Two new combined courses, AAS/POL 338 Contemporary India and AAS/POL 339 Contemporary China were approved.

Theater Arts

The requests to allow THR majors a choice of THR 216 or THR 230 to fulfill requirement number five, to change THR 307 to 0-3 credits and repeat for a max of 3 credits, and to remove THR 246 Stage Lighting from the advisory prerequisites were approved. The request to update the Theater Arts major, part A Core program was granted. Several standard courses were activated: DAN 475 and 476, Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I and II, DAN 487 Independent Research, and DAN 488 Internship.

The committee suggested a change of name from THR 322 Acting III – the course does not seem to be a true topics course. Committee suggested it could be re-titled as a “workshop” or true “topics” course.

Women’s Studies

A request was made to remove the prerequisites from WST 301. The committee agrees that this would be inappropriate and the course should continue to have advisory prerequisites.

The requests to change the prerequisites of WST 305 and WST 39x were approved. The requests to add DEC G to WST 305 and DEC K to WST 398 were approved.

Respectfully submitted,
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