

University Requirements Curriculum Committee
November 18, 2016
Minutes

Present: N. Caine-Bish; A. Crowe; P. Fehrmann; M. Haley; M. Kutchin; C. McVay; T. Motter; I. Richmond Nettey; E. Pringle; W. Willoughby; C. Zingrone

Guests: S. Randulic; E. Kudravy

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by E. Pringle

Sign-in sheet circulated

Curricular Proposals:

Center for Comparative and Integrative Programs

REL 21021 – Comparative Religion – Title Revision – GL DIV – ELR – Kent Core

Title revision to clarify that the course focuses on the three western religions, not world religions. Title change proposed to “Moses, Jesus, and Mohammad.” Title revision will prevent a suggested overlap with other courses and encourage greater enrollment.

M. Haley presented. No discussion.

Motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Anthropology

ANTH 4/58023 – Forensic Archaeology Field School – Establish Course – ELR

Course has been offered as a special topic course, seeking to establish course and designate the course as an ELR. M. Haley presented. Described the process the course uses to study forensic science in the field in the lab through utilization of a pig carcass to mimic the work done by forensic specialists in the field.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ANTH 4/58260 – Peoples and Cultures of Amazonia – Est. Course – GL DIV

Course has been offered numerous times, seeking to establish course and designate the course as a GL DIV. M. Haley presented. Discussion reached a consensus that as the course is specific to Amazonia it meets and exceeds the 50% global diversity requirement. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ANTH 4/58360 – Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality – Est. Course – GL DIV

Course has been offered numerous times, seeking to establish and designed the course as a GL DIV. M. Haley presented. Discussion included the hesitance to approve based on a general lack of “global” references in the description and the title. However, further review of the course reading list and content resulted in a motion to approve, it was seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ANTH 4/58520 – Culture and Curing – Revise Course – GL DIV

Title revision to clarify the course and move away from outdated ideas and concepts. New title “Medical Anthropology” Course will include indigenous studies and medicine (moving away from “friendly native” sort of speak. M. Haley presented. No discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

French

FR 33337 – Intro to the French Novel – Revise Title and Desc. – ELR – WIC

Title and description revision. As a WIC course, focusing on novels became too narrow of a topic.

Requested revision “Intro to French Literary Prose” and description/course content to include prose pieces. M. Haley presented. No discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Geography

GEOG 10160 – Introduction to Geography – Revise Desc. – Kent Core

GEOG 17063 – World Geography – Rev. Desc. – GL DIV – Kent Core

GEOG 17064 – Geography of the United States Canada – Rev. Desc. – DOM DIV – Kent Core

GEOG 21062 – Physical Geography – Rev. Desc. – Kent Core

GEOG 21063 – Physical Geography Laboratory – Rev. Desc.- Kent Core

GEOG 22061 – Human Geography – Rev. Desc. – Kent Core

Revise all descriptions to be relevant, interesting, and more descriptive of the true nature of the courses and their content. Update to the language of the descriptions to appeal to students. M. Haley presented. Brief review of descriptions occurred and a motion to approve all was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Math

MATH 14001 – Rev. Prereq. – Kent Core

Revise prerequisite to specifically and expressly exclude courses as prerequisites (ex. Explorations of Modern Math) because the prerequisites must be algebra based. M Haley presented. No discussion.

Motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Physics

PHY 13001 – General College Physics I – Kent Core

Revise prerequisites to include a course that satisfies math requirements for ARCH students who are required to take PHY 13001. Prevents the necessity of prerequisite overrides by MATH and PHY. M.

Haley presented. No discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

GED Testing Credits – Tabled

Committee unanimously requested that the GED Testing Credits for Review be tabled to the next meeting. Concerns about the topic include:

- Is the URCC the appropriate body to address the issue? Should this be EPC/FAC Senate?
- Should the appropriate subject department be involved in considering the equivalence to the Kent core?
- Why should GED Testing Credits count for college credit when students with high school diplomas do not get college credit?
- Will this set precedent for other testing methods to earn credit?

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2016 in Johnson 55

There being no other business before the committee, the meeting adjourned.