

**College of Liberal Arts
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
6 March 2009**

Members Present: Richard Cebula, Jim Todesca, Mark Finlay, Teresa Winterhalter, Tom Cato (for Steve Primatic), Zaphon Wilson (for Jose da Cruz)

Guests: Olavi Arens, David Wheeler, Dorthée Mertz-Weigel

I. Minutes of Friday, February 16, 2009 were approved

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- A. Proposal to create an **Internship in Environmental Studies, ENST4000**, was unanimously approved.
- B. Proposals to create **European Studies** courses **EURO 3990, Topics in European Union Studies, and EURO 4500, Seminar in European Union Studies**, were unanimously approved. Dr. Arens discussed how these AASU courses are part of a system-wide EU Studies consortium, but that they also make it possible for a student to complete the requirements for this certificate entirely on our campus. He added that these classes are also designed, in part, to offer students the possibility of enrolling in classes not offered on our campus. There was some further discussion about how to use the on-line capstone seminar to provide program assessment data. These courses will be effective in the Summer 2009 term.
- C. Proposal to modify B.S. degree and the minor in the **Criminal Justice Cyber security** track to match the track offered within the College of Science and Technology was unanimously approved.
- D. Proposal to modify the description of **POLS 5440U/G, Latin American Politics**, was unanimously approved.
- E. Proposal to modify the prerequisites and the description of **HIST 3500, Introduction to Historical Methods**, was unanimously approved. It was pointed out that the alterations in the prerequisites would make this course open to non-majors. Modifications to the **graduate** classes from the History Department were recommended to be forwarded to the Graduate Curriculum Committee. **HIST 7410, 7420, 7570, 7560, 7590** had refined their descriptions to clarify the distinctions among these colloquia and seminars, which had been the CCC's reason for unofficially asking for clarification at the 2/16//09 meeting. A few minor editorial changes were also added.
- F. Proposals to create **FREN 3040 Business French, FREN 5030 Special Topics in Francophone Literature, FREN 3025 French Cinema of Conversation and Composition**, were approved by a 5-1 vote. Dr. Mertz-Weigel pointed out that Business French is a standard part of most French programs in the nation, and she discussed why offering the Special Topics course in English would increase the appeal of the class for students in other majors. Dr. Finlay pointed out that *FREN 5030* could also be added to the International Studies major and minor. Proposals to modify the descriptions of **FREN 1001 Elementary French I, FREN 2001 Intermediate French I, FREN 2002 Intermediate French II, FREN 3030 Advanced Grammar and Syntax, and FREN 3200 Special Topics in French Literature** to reflect current practices in language instruction to deliver these classes entirely

within the target language and to match the proposed student learning outcomes were passed unanimously. Proposals to modify the course titles and descriptions for **FREN 3100 French Civilization I** and **FREN 3110 French Civilization II** were withdrawn from consideration.

- G.** Discussion of the proposal which is to come up before the UCC to add **HLPR 2020 Health Care Ethics to Area B of the Core** generated a good deal of discussion. Dr. Finlay had been asked to assess the proposal, upon advice of the chair of UCC, who believed the CCC could offer useful input. Concerns were expressed that because this course seems to have a vocational slant it does not really fulfill the mission of a Liberal Arts core requirement. Discussion also focused on the problem of weeding through the courses currently offered in Area B to see that they are held to the same standard. The general sentiment of the CCC, however, was that this particular course bypasses the spirit of having General Education requirements at all. Committee members requested permission to examine the text book, which has been generated for use in the course.

The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting Friday, April 3, 2009 at 1:30 in Solms 209. The meeting was adjourned.