UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
Minutes #6 approved (2015 Supplement & 2016-2018 Undergraduate Catalog)  
October 22, 2014

Members Absent: Bochrath, Lieberman, Shriavastava
Guests Present: Jess Ray, Registrar

1. Temple convened the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: #5 October 15, 2014.

Trefzger moved to approve the minutes (as amended) and Standard seconded. The committee approved the minutes as amended with one abstention.

3. PROPOSAL ACTION:

HIS MINOR IN HISTORY (Revise)  
Kaesberg and Dustin

With no further discussion necessary, Kaesberg moved to approve the proposal (as amended to revise the statement about 200- and 300-level courses from a 4-year institution to refer to senior hours instead), Lippert seconded, and the committee approved by acclamation. Catalog copy follows:

MINOR IN HISTORY

— 21 hours in History required, including at least 12 senior hours.

THD THEATRE STUDIES SEQUENCE (Revise)  
Shim and Cook

MINOR IN CINEMA STUDIES

With no further discussion necessary, Shim moved to approve the proposals to revise the Theatre Studies Sequence and the Minor in Cinema Studies, Cook seconded, and the committee approved by acclamation. Catalog copy follows:

Theatre Studies Sequence:

— 43 hours required.
— Students in the major are required to complete one of the following concentrations:
  Cinema Studies (9 hours): THD 371 and 6 hours from THD 270, 271, 273, 368, or 370 (271 and 273 are each repeatable with different content).
  Creative Drama (9 hours): THD 280 and 6 hours from THD 381 (may be repeated), or ART/THD 183.
  Directing (9 hours): 3 hours of THD 340, and an additional 6 hours from THD 340, 341, 342, or 380.
  Dramaturgy/History (9 hours): ENG 222, 325, 327, 328; ENG/THD 378; THD 379 and 6 hours from THD 287, 300, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375.
  Integrated Performance (9 hours): THD 113 or 313 and 6 hours from ATK 260; THD 105, 107, 119, 183, 211, 212, 220, 221, 314.03, 314.05, 314.08, or 341.
  Theatre Management (9 hours): THD 344, 345, and 3 hours of THD 309.
MINOR IN CINEMA STUDIES

— 18 hours required.
— Required courses: THD 170, 370, 371.
— 9 additional hours from: ART 252; HIS 337; THD 171, 176.02, 270, 271, 273, 275.02, 368.

4. LIAISON REPORTS:

b. Council for Teacher Education – Temple reported that CTE approved several proposals that should be coming to the UCC soon. They also discussed edTPA and the CAEP accreditation update.
c. Academic Affairs Committee – Lippert – Nothing to report.

5. STAFF REPORT:

a. Latin Honors at Graduation – Rosenthal. At the last meeting there was discussion about changing the number of hours completed at ISU that are required for granting students honors at graduation. There were questions about the original reason for the higher hours for honors. Since the policy was established so long ago, it is difficult to say why it was set at 50 hours. Having the higher number of hours hurts good students, who transfer in later in their academic careers, have less than the 50 hours at ISU, but have GPAs which would otherwise allow them honors designations. Rosenthal asked for UCC approval to change the hours for honors at graduation from 50 to 30. Temple moved to approve, Neisler seconded, and the committee approved by acclamation. Proposed catalog copy follows:

Degrees with Honor Distinction: A student must have completed at least 30 semester hours at Illinois State University to be eligible for a degree with honor distinction. Students who have an accumulated GPA of 3.90 through 4.00 are graduated summa cum laude; those with a GPA of 3.80 through 3.89 are graduated magna cum laude; and those with a GPA of 3.65 through 3.79 are graduated cum laude. Diploma and transcript notations of graduation with cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude honors are based on the cumulative GPA after the student’s final graded semester.

Honor Distinction at Commencement: In order to be recognized with an academic honor (summa, magna, cum laude) distinction at Commencement, students must have completed at least 30 semester hours at Illinois State University and have a qualifying GPA (refer to Degrees with Honor Distinction), both based on the last graded semester prior to Commencement. For example, students graduating in May or August must have both hours and GPA completed in the previous fall semester. Students meeting these requirements wear an honor cord as part of their academic regalia at Commencement, and their names will appear in the Commencement program with the honor denoted. Diploma and transcript notations of graduation with cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude honors are based on the cumulative GPA after the student’s final graded semester.

b. Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) and Global Studies Open Forums – Rosenthal discussed the two open forums. The Academic Senate expects the UCC to sponsor these types of forums. Temple will emcee and UCC members are invited to attend the forums on the following dates:

Writing Across the Curriculum – November 4 and November 5, 2014, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in STV 401
Global Studies – November 11 and November 12, 2014, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in STV 401
The UCC meetings on November 5 and November 12 will be cancelled in order for UCC members to be able to attend the forums.

Global Studies Course Request Processing – Ryburn. On the online course proposal for new courses, proposers can ask for a course to be considered for the Global Studies graduation requirement. Ryburn asked if the committee needed to formally approve courses for Global Studies (as they have been doing) or if Rosenthal could approve the course for Global Studies at the same time that he approves the new course. The committee agreed that it is acceptable for Rosenthal to review and concurrently approve a course for Global Studies when he approves the course. Rosenthal will bring requests for Global Studies to the committee when there is not absolute certainty that the course meets the stated requirements. Ryburn will report the Global Studies course approval as an information item.

c. Global Studies Course Request – Ryburn reported that ANT 303 Latin America in Ethnographic Perspective was approved for Global Studies.

d. Ryburn reported that there are proposals to be discussed at the UCC meeting on October 29, 2014. There will be time for only three more meetings before the end of the semester (October 29, November 19, and December 3, 2014).

6. ADJOURNED: Lippert moved to adjourn the meeting and Standard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2014.

7. INFORMATION: The University Curriculum Committee Executive Secretary approved the following:

New Course:

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303 LATIN AMERICA IN ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE
3 sem. hrs.
Exploration of major trends in the anthropology of Latin America as examined through ethnographic case studies. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.