

## Curriculum Committee Minutes - March 27, 2020

Members in [online] Attendance: Bill Barry, Julie Christoph, Jacob Price, Jennifer Pitonyak, Kathleen Campbell, Lynnette Claire, Jonathan Stockdale, Gary McCall, Maria Sampen, Oscar Secrist, Courtney Thatcher, Brad Reich, Jeff Tepper

- The minutes from the 3/6/20 meeting were approved.
- There was no other old business.
- Working Group A reported their consensus that MUSIC 493 (African American Music in the Concert Hall) meets the KNOW requirements and should be added to the list of courses meeting that core requirement. The committee voted to approve that designation.
- Working Group C reported on their evaluation of SOAN 447 ('Cities, Spaces, People'). Specific comments included the following:
  - The course does meet the Social Scientific Approaches core guideline, but needs to have the student accommodations boilerplate added to the syllabus.
  - However, because this course includes an 'experiential spring break trip' to a foreign city, there was agreement that it also needs to be reviewed by the IEC. At present there is no clear process for approval of a course that involves study abroad. Specifically, does the IEC also need to approve such courses?
  - The committee decided to use this course as a 'template' for handling courses that involve study abroad. Julie will ask Andrew Gardner (the course proposer) whether it has been reviewed by the IEC.
- Working Group B (WGB) had been tasked with evaluating a proposed change to the wording of Question 6 in the Self-Study Guide for Department/Program Curricular Reviews. The new wording, drafted by Julia Looper following a diversity retreat in 2018, is: *How does your department, school, or program use principles of backwards design, the creation of shared classroom agreements or other methods to encourage holistic student-centered classrooms that address the needs of a diverse student body? Additionally, how do you prepare faculty and student for potential conversations around course content and identity?*
  - WGB was concerned that the new wording is very prescriptive, and also that it appears to conflate two different topics, backwards design and addressing diversity.
  - It was also unclear why Question #6 as currently written is not working.
  - Jonathan agreed to ask Julia Looper to clarify why she and other diversity retreat participants felt that a revision was needed. A decision about whether to approve the new wording was postponed until we have this additional information.
- The meeting was adjourned on time.

These minutes submitted by Jeff Tepper.