

Curriculum Committee Minutes  
April 24, 2020

The meeting convened at 3:30pm via GoogleMeet

**Present:** Brad Reich, Courtney Thatcher, Gary McCall, Jake Price, Jane Carlin, Jennifer Pitonyak, Jonathan Stockdale, Julie Christoph, Kathleen Campbell, Lynnette Claire, Maria Sampen, Oscar Secrist, Jeff Tepper, Bill Barry

The minutes from April 17, 2020 were approved.

There were no announcements.

**New Business**

Christoph shared that the Curriculum Task Force (CTF) recommends that the Curriculum Committee consider convening a summer working group to review any operational changes for the fall due to COVID-19, and any curricular proposals for the same situation or for CTF work and the Summer Bridge Program. The committee agreed to move forward with old business first and return to this issue at the end of the meeting.

**Old Business**

**7-year review: Global Development Studies (GDS) Minor Program**

Working group C presented an overview of the GDS program review along with their written report. Pitonyak moved that the Curriculum Committee approve the Global Development Studies Minor Program 7-year curricular review. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Charge: Coordinate with the IEC to create a streamlined process for faculty proposing Study Abroad/Study Away classes that addresses both committees.**

Working group C reported that after initial communications with the current co-chairs of the IEC, that it is recommended that this charge be reassigned to the curriculum committee in academic year 2020-2021 due to the need for continued discussions.

**Charge: Adopt a rubric and acceptable substitutions for the Foreign Language requirement drawn from the work of the ad hoc foreign language committee in 18-19 and share it with the ASC.**

Thatcher presented this text for a possible rubric that was developed by working group A:

*In preparation for a life of global citizenship, all students at Puget Sound are required before graduation to complete courses that provide college-level oral and written skills in a language other than English. Additional benefits to the requirement include:*

- *introducing students to different ways of speaking, writing, and interpreting the world;*

- *fostering understanding of alternative perspectives, values, behaviors, and tradition through linguistic, historical, and cultural study;*
- *exploring commonality and difference between one's own language(s) and culture(s) and another's; (from the Puget Sound mission statement)*
- *encouraging deeper appreciation of one's own language(s) and culture(s). (from ad hoc committee statement)*

Discussion continued as to the scope of a language requirement, and whether it is broader than learning a new language and should encompass cultural exploration.

The committee debated how the rubric could be used to determine appropriate course substitutions for students who are unable to meet the language requirement due to a learning disability. Revised wording was discussed.

Claire proposed the following language for the rubric:

*In preparation for a life of global citizenship, all students at Puget Sound are required before graduation to engage with oral and written skills in a language other than English. Courses satisfying this requirement will also:*

- *introduce students to different ways of speaking, writing, and interpreting the world;*
- *foster understanding of alternative perspectives, values, behaviors, and tradition through linguistic, historical, and cultural study;*
- *explore commonality and difference between one's own language(s) and culture(s) and another's*

Claire moved to approve this language. Tepper seconded.

In discussion, Barry requested to restore bullet point 4. Claire amended the motion to include:

- *encourage deeper appreciation of one's own language(s) and culture(s).*

Tepper seconded.

Reich opposed. The motion passed.

The committee returned to discussion about the need for a summer working group of the Curriculum Committee.

Christoph made the following motion:

If new curriculum proposals for fall 2020 in relation to COVID-19, CTF work, or the Summer Bridge program are proposed during Summer 2020, those proposals will be reviewed by two 2019-20 committee members and the Associate Dean.

Seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pitonyak