



**CUCAS Minutes
February 19, 2015; SC 202 (MT)**

2014-15 Members Present: Missy Alexander, John Board (SGA), Jay Brower (co-chair), Jessica Eckstein (co-chair), Patrick Fallon, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox (while Rob Whittlemore on sabbatical), Dan Goble, Nicholas Greco, Alexa Hinds (SGA), Dave Martin, Barbara Piscopo, Divya Sharma, Dave Smith, Timothy Wiggins, Jerry Wilcox, Registrar's Office Representatives: Deanna Cibery Schaab, Jennifer Zdziarski

Members not present: Lawrence Immohr, PS rep (TBA), 2 Student Reps (TBA) Matt Busse (SGA); Rob Whittlemore (sabbatical)

Called to order at 9:34 a.m.

- I. Minutes of CUCAS meeting of December 18, 2015 approved. (Smith/Greco, 8/0)
Correction to minutes: Divya Sharma was not listed in Members Not Present.

- II. Announcements

Gen Ed Report (Brower): Committee approved competencies for critical thinking, writing intensive creative process in first year navigation. Competencies have all been approved and are complete.

- III. Old Business

No Old Business

- IV. New Business

1. Writing, Linguistics & Creative Process (Hagan) New Course Proposals:
 - a. WRT 375: Book, Performance and Restaurant Reviewing (CD1415036)
 - b. WRT 279: Sports Writing (CD1415037)
 - c. WRT 201: Academic Resources and Citation (CD1415038)
 - d. WRT 246: Science Writing (Rudkin) (CD1415045)

Motion to approve as a packet (Eckstein/Schaab).

Motion to approve new course proposals passed (14/0)

Discussion:

Establish consistency in the requirements. Some list requirements as 101, others as 101, 101FY, 101P.

Concern about labeling a course as a "workshop." M. Alexander explained that genres/workshops are major requirements and the student needs to readily see which requirement will be met by taking the course, so the "workshop" designation is needed.

Concern about Academic Resources and Citation course needing a full semester until it was pointed out that it is a one credit course.

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2. History & Non-Western Cultures
 - a. Change course description & format of HIS 494 (Gadkar-Wilcox) (CD1415040)
 - b. Change of format due to enrollment changes. Only 5 students were enrolled the last time the course was offered. Treating it as a thesis format allows one-on-one contact and helps to assure the course can be taken as needed. Motion to approve change (Greco/Sharma). Motion approved 13/0.

3. New course proposals (Lindenauer):
 - a. HIS 2xx: Introduction to Public History (CD1415042)
 - b. HIS 3xx: Witchcraft and Witch-Hunting in Early New England (CD1415043)
 - c. HIS 4xx: Gender and Popular Culture in American History (CD1415044)

Motion to approve as a packet (Eckstein/Piscopo)

Discussion:

90% of the History faculty has changed in the last 10 years. The department is now leaning toward more thematic courses due to the change in the expertise of department members; and away from content designation in an effort to appeal to the students.

Concern was expressed about the lack of prerequisites for any of the courses, specifically the 300 and 400 level courses. Recommendations were made to establish a writing prereq or a Jr. standing or above prerequisite. Prereqs are there for the purpose of ensuring the student is prepared to handle that level of course and that they have a reasonable chance of success. If prereqs are not established at this time, they can always be added at a later date. There was no motion to amend the main motion of the approval of the courses.

Motion to approve as is. Motion passed (8/3).

4. Philosophy & Humanistic Studies (Dalton)
 - a. Contract Major: Matheus Ananias (CD1415098)
Motion to approve first of two contract majors (Greco/Smith). Motion approved (13/0).
Discussion:
It was noted that the original proposal did not contain enough courses at the 200 level or above. This was corrected. Under Free electives, need to make a swap. Move Physic 103 and Physic 120 under GenEd. Move Phy 103 to natural sciences map; then Physics 120 becomes free elective. Just vote on the Major part, and not on the elective/GenEd piece.

 - b. Contract Major: Molly Sabbagh (CD1415080)
Motion to approve second of two contract majors (Greco/Sharma). Motion approved (14/0).
Just vote on the Major part.

5. Marketing (Drozdenko)
 - a. Replace PS 104 with MKT 201 Global Environment of Business in BBA core as GenEd SocSci category (CD1415097)
Motion to approve (Sharma/Greco). *Pending approval*
It was noted that the GenEd piece has not been approved by the GenEd committee.
Motion to postpone indefinitely (Eckstein/Sharma). Motion approved (14/0)

6. Education & Ed Psych (O'Callaghan)
 - a. New Course Proposal: ED 101 Freshman Seminar for Education Majors (CD1415074)
Motion to approve (Greco/Board). Motion approved (14/0)

Discussion:

This is a newly designed course for elementary education educators starting with Fall 2015. It addresses what it means to be an educator with the goal to retain more students by ensuring they know the GPA standards and by introducing them to education environments/students. This has not been to GenEd yet, but it is a pilot this year and not part of a program. It will need to go through GenEd when it is being introduced as part of the program. Recommendation to delete the First Year Navigation paragraph for now and it can be placed back in for the GenEd review. Since the First Year Navigation has no bearing on GenEd, there is no reason to hold up the vote. It was mentioned that minutes mentioned in the email were not attached as stated. They should be attached when the proposal is forwarded to the Provost.

V. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015.

The May meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.