

## **Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee**

Meeting of December 12, 2017

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3:30-5pm

### *Draft of* **MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance:** Brunn-Bevel, Drake, Garvey, McSweeney, Sauer (in place of Greenwald), Steffen, Striuli, Wills

**Invited Guests in Attendance:** Weddle for Chemistry, Phelan for Biology

*Call to Order: 3:30pm*

**Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 14, 2017:** No amendments or corrections. Steffen motioned to approve; McSweeney seconded; All in favor.

#### **Chemistry/Biochemistry Minor Revision Proposal**

- Has not been popular historically, looking to increase the numbers
- The chemistry minor may become more attractive due to the new health studies minor, engineering students, and the new core revision
- Proposal:
  - Replace CH 261 with CH 222
  - The change in curriculum will increase access to students
- Minors (although few) are usually biology majors or psychology majors

**Motion to Approve:** Steffen motioned to approve; McSweeney seconded; All in favor.

#### **Sociology Minor Revision Proposal**

- Proposal: requirement change from 18 credits to 15 credits
  - Change in electives (one less)
- 18-20 students enrolled in the minor for the past five years
- This change will reflect requirements at other comparable schools that offer a sociology minor

**Motion to Approve:** Striuli motioned to approve; Wills seconded; All in favor.

#### **New Course Proposal – CO 326: Palliative Care Communication: USA & Ireland**

- One week intensive- study abroad and online taught by Professor Michael Pagano in the summer

- Connection with the only children’s hospice in Ireland. Possible Service Learning Opportunity
- Team-Taught experience between Pagano and O’Shea (Nursing)
- Wills – Not sure when and how often it will run
- Drake – Seems like this course was crafted for a particular time and place but not taught as a special topics
- McSweeney – Workload seems really intense
  - Wills – it is a 300 level course so the department thinks it is appropriate. It is a month long course to complete the course work and final project.
- Steffen – Who are the target students?
  - Wills – Students interested in Health Studies

**Motion to Approve:** Drake motioned to approve; Steffen seconded; All in favor.

### **New Online Course Proposal Forms**

- Took word document and incorporated it into Google Doc
- Sections two and three are fleshed out as short answers – cut and paste from minutes
- Included place to submit syllabus
- Hard Copy of minutes is still required
- Broke down requirements into easier to see sections
- Nothing added
- Information may be doubled but all topics need to be covered
- “JoR,” typo add period
- Everything in one form
- Makes it explicit what the committee is looking for

**Motion to Adopt Amended Form:** Brunn-Bevel motioned to approve; McSweeney seconded; All in favor.

### **Two New Biology Concentrations Proposal: (1) Health & Human Biology and (2) Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity**

- Biology has two current concentrations: molecular biology and marine biology
- Health & Human Biology (set of four courses) will appeal to those who are pre-health students
  - 70-80% of biology students are pre-health
  - They are essentially taking these four courses but the concentration will add a special designation on their transcript
- Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity (set of four courses – two are set and the other two can be chosen)

- Smaller number of students
  - Want to recognize them with the concentration
- The concentrations help student with post-graduate opportunities. It gives them a sub-specialization within the broad degree of biology.
- Concentrations are not required.
- McSweeney – Can students do multiple concentrations?
  - It is possible, it has not happened so far.
- All courses are currently offered, no additional courses or changes in curriculum or offerings. This just puts a label on what students are already doing.

**Discussion:**

- McSweeney – It needs to go through the process properly – recommends it to be kicked back to the department. There are some topics that have not been addressed. (JoR, page 46)
- Steffen – We can voice support. The essential information is there.
- Drake – Can give it approval when the questions have been addressed as noted in JoR?

**Provisional Approval:** Steffen motioned to approve; McSweeney seconded; All in favor.

*Adjournment: 4:30 pm*

**Minutes Submitted by:** Kat Clements