**Curriculum Committee**

March 4, 2011

Present: Acklin, Carney, Cedar Face, Levin, Smith, Armstrong, Walsh, Thorpe

Guests: Scott Rex, Diana Maltz

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. One word misplacement was corrected in the Feb 25 minutes.

Foreign Languages and Literatures

Introductions were exchanged with Rex. The program wants to streamline the curriculum by changing SPAN 301 to SPAN 321; makes better sense for the two courses that follow. It is a year-long sequence; the content has not changed.

Changes to major core of Spanish Language and Culture: change course lists to clean up. Needs to be broader than what was listed previously.

Changes to Spanish minor: Update course numbers, simplify list.

Cedar Face asked about recent questions regarding American Sign Language (ASL) courses. Rex said the CAS Dean’s office is supportive of ASL courses, and that they should be accepted as a foreign language for the BA degree. They have been taught under the FL prefix, but the program will submit new course proposals so courses can be offered under ASL prefix in the fall. They plan to offer second-year course next year. The Committee suggested that Rex complete the new course proposals, and concurrently contact the Academic Policies Committee for approval of ASL courses for the BA degree. Armstrong asked questions about ASL courses, prerequisites, and possible changes for students who took the first year under the FL prefix. Rex departed the meeting.

Levin/CF: moved to approve the curricular changes for foreign languages; the motion passed 4Y/0N/0A.

English and Writing

Diana Maltz was introduced to the committee. Changes to English and Writing program are minor this year. Upper division writing prerequisites refined, and a few modified courses. They had prerequisites that didn’t work for everyone. Students were getting blocked because of a new prerequisite. Will continue to offer WR 230, but won’t have it as a prerequisite because not enough students have taken it.

Professional writing concentration: made alternative to former course; the fee for WR 327 was making this concentration more expensive than the others. So the program has proposed an alternative so students don’t have to take the more expensive class (WR 327). They will offer WR 410 as alternative; this doesn’t change the number of credits.

Other modified courses: same prerequisites as for other issue above. Maltz departed the meeting. Cedar Face /Levin moved to approve catalog changes for English and writing; the motion passed 4Y/0N/0A.

Emerging Media and Digital Arts

In an update from the previous week, EMDA sent a revised course list: Smith raised possible double-dipping concerns about courses for the minor that are also on a majors list.

Levin: what is the intersection between EMDA and costume construction? After discussion about other courses on the list, Levin withdrew his objection to certain courses and now sees why they were included. Levin/Cedar Face moved to approve the EMDA minor; the motion passed 4Y/0N/0A.

College of Arts and Sciences

CAS has proposed deleting obsolete course prefixes AL and SSC. Cedar Face/Levin moved to delete AL and SSC courses; the motion passed 4Y/0N/0A.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.