**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

January 21, 2016

Present: Becker, Gay, McCandless, Miller-Francisco, Smith; Adams, DeRoss, Waters

Guests: Charlotte Hadella, Dan Morris

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. The minutes from the January 15 meeting were accepted.

English

Introductions were exchanged with Charlotte Hadella. She said the most significant change is to convert most of the remaining WR-prefix courses to the ENG prefix. Advisors in English will talk with their advisees about identifying the correct courses they need under the changed prefix. (WR 121 and WR 122 will remain under University Seminar, and will not change prefixes.)

Two new courses are proposed: ENG 301 (Introduction to Literary Analysis and Theory) and ENG 347 (Slumming in the Nineteenth Century). ENG 301 will replace ENG 298 and 300, and contains elements of both those courses. ENG 298 and 300 will remain in the catalog for at least one more year. ENG 347 previously has been taught as ENG 399 and has been approved for University Studies. If a student has already taken ENG 298, they can still take ENG 301 because the courses will have different content.

ENG 488 will be renamed Introductory Methods in Teaching Literature; Becker asked if “Introductory” is appropriate for a 400-level course. Hadella said it is appropriate for this course. She added that the ENG 488 course change is mandated by TSPC [Teacher Standards and Practices Commission] which will require that courses taken for teaching endorsements be “Methods” classes and the word needs to be in the title.

There was more discussion about several specific changes. Miller-Francisco moved to approve the proposed catalog changes for English; the motion passed 5Y/0N/0A. (Hadella left the meeting.)

Updates

Thorpe notified the committee that Alena Ruggerio has sent the changes the Curriculum Committee requested, and these will be on the agenda next week, along with a large curriculum package from Outdoor Adventure Leadership.

Foreign Languages and Literatures

Dan Morris joined the meeting and said most of the proposed changes are the result of retrenchment. They will eliminate the minors in French and German, and the French option for the Language and Culture degree. They have updated the introductory section to make it more concise.

Three new courses in upper division French and three courses in upper division German are proposed, to provide more upper division content for International Studies majors and for students who want to continue their study of these languages. They are all Topics courses and cover culture, language, and literature or film.

Spanish will be the only area of concentration remaining for the Language and Culture degree. It was decided to leave this as a concentration for the BA in Language and Culture, rather than renaming the degree BA in Spanish Language and Culture. Smith asked whether students are requesting entry level courses and not being able to get into them; Morris said this hasn’t been a problem. He added that American Sign Language is in high demand at the lower levels, but trickles off later.

There was discussion about the French film course (FR 350 - Topics in French Film) and whether FLM 350 is still offered [it is not]. Morris said they also offer FR 450 (Topics in French Film) and cross-list these. This surprised several committee members because they weren’t familiar with cross-listing a 300-level course with a 400-level course in the same prefix. It was also mentioned that one of the courses (FR 450) still had a Synthesis and Applications designation; Synthesis ended several years ago so this needs to be removed from the course. There was continued discussion about FR 350 and FR 450 and the concept of cross-listing them. [note: following the meeting, Thorpe confirmed that the catalog does not list these two courses as cross-listed with each other.]

Smith/Miller-Francisco moved to approve the proposed changes for Foreign Languages and Literatures; the motion passed 5Y/0N/0A.

The meeting ended at 11:25 a.m.