

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION  
Minutes of 2 December 2013**

**Members present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Tracy DeMars, Sharie Falan, Bruce Ferrin, John Geiser, Willem Homan, Mustafa Mirzeler, James Palmitessa, David Reinhold and Kathryn Wagner. **Liaisons present:** Kevin Knutson and Sharon Van Dyken. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

Committee Chair John Geiser called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

*Approval of Minutes from the 18 November 2013 Meeting*

- Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
- Approval of the minutes of 18 November 2013 was moved by Ferrin and seconded by Aravamuthan. Motion carried.

**Action/Discussion Items**

*Review of Curriculum Proposals*

**1. Department of Comparative Religion**

[CAS 14-20] REL 3190, Religion and Health – new course, requests approval for ~~Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences~~ Area VIII, Health and Well-Being. (Tabled 21 Oct 2013.)

As the original proposal requested approval in Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences, emails supporting the change from Area V to Area VIII, Health and Well-Being, are required from (1) the college dean, (2) the college curriculum committee chair and (3) the department chair.

Motion to approve REL 3190 in Area VIII, Health and Well-Being was made by Ferrin and seconded by Falan. Motion carried.

**2. Integrated Holistic Health and Wellness**

[CHHS 002-13] HOL 2701, Resiliency Training for Leaders – change title to *Resiliency Training for Life*, requests approval for Area VIII, Health and Well-Being. (Tabled 23 Sept 2013.)

As this course will replace HOL 2811, Resiliency Training for Leaders, COGE encouraged the department to complete the paperwork to officially delete HOL 2811.

Motion to approve HOL 2701 was made by Aravamuthan and seconded by Ferrin. Motion carried.

**3. Department of Psychology**

[CAS 14-1] PSY 3000, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences – requests title change to *Research Methods and Statistics*, change description, change prerequisites, approval in Proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing (Course was not approved for Proficiency 2 by COGE on 18 November 2013.)

**TABLED.** Although a response from the department was received, COGE tabled discussion pending additional information. Members did not see how the course fulfills the requirements for baccalaureate-level writing or promotes maturity as a writer through its assignments. The committee would like to know the anticipated attendance and how many sections of PSY 3000 are planned for fall 2014.

**4. Department of Psychology**

[CAS 14-2] PSY 3300, Behavioral Research Methods – Existing course approved in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests change title to *Advanced Research Methods*, change description and prerequisites (This course is up for 2013-14 COGE re-approval in Proficiency 2; however the department is not seeking re-approval.)

**TABLED.** The department has notified COGE it is not seeking re-approval of PSY 3300 during the 2013-2014 re-approval cycle for courses approved in Proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing. The course will be removed from the general education list effective fall semester 2015. COGE felt that any action on PSY 3300 was contingent upon its decision on PSY 3000 so moved to table further discussion.

**5. School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs**

[CHHS 29-13] HSV 4780, U.S. Policy in Health and Human Services – Existing course approved in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests adding HSV 3650 or its proficiency exam as a prerequisite (This course is up for 2013-14 COGE re-approval in Proficiency 2.)

Motion to approve HSV was made by Aravamuthan and seconded by Falan. Motion carried.

## 6. Department of Human Performance and Health Education

[CoEHD 470] HPHE 1700, Introduction to Leisure/Recreation Services – Existing course approved in Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences – requests change title to *Introduction to Recreation/Sports Management*, change description  
Motion to approve HPHE 1700 was made by Palmitessa and seconded by Falan. Motion carried.

## 7. Department of Human Performance and Health Education

[CoEHD 473] HPHE 3320, Research and Writing in Recreation – Existing course approved in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests change title and course number to *HPHE 4320, Research and Writing in Recreation/Sport*, change prerequisite and description

(NOTE: This course is up for 2013-14 COGE re-approval in Proficiency 2.)

**TABLED.** Members questioned the reason for moving the course from a 3000 to 4000-level. Was that linked to assessment or advising? Was the syllabus changed to accommodate the course level change or was the course being taught at the 4000-level so this adjustment brings the course to the level at which it has been previously taught?

## 8. Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies

[CoEHD 441] SPED 3300, Introduction to Special Education – Existing course approved seeking approval in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests change title to *Foundations of Special Education*, change description, prerequisite, and minimum course grade

**TABLED.** Members did not see how the course fulfills the requirements for baccalaureate-level writing or promotes maturity as a writer through its one writing assignment. The committee is unclear on how quick write assignments provide baccalaureate-level writing challenge or rigor.

*2013-14 Review for Re-Approval of Courses in Proficiency 1, College-Level Writing and Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing*

Four subcommittees were formed with the intention that a longer term member would chair each subcommittee. How they meet (in person or via email) is up to the individual subcommittees, although Geiser recommended meeting in person for the first meeting. Materials will be loaded into the briefcase for review as determined by the subcommittee.

## COGE Subcommittee One

- John Geiser, Biological Sciences
- Tracy DeMars, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies
- Willem Homan, Aviation Sciences

## COGE Subcommittee Two

- Raja Aravamuthan, Chemical and Paper Engineering
- Bruce Ferrin, Marketing
- Kevin Knutson, Academic Advising, Arts and Sciences

## COGE Subcommittee Three

- David Reinhold, Assessment and Undergraduate Studies
- Mustafa Mirzeler, English
- Kathryn Wagner, Theatre

## COGE Subcommittee Four

- James Palmitessa, History
- Sharie Falan, Nursing
- Sharon VanDyken, Academic Advising, Aviation

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

--Janice Anderson

### TABLED PROPOSAL – Action Pending

1. Lee Honors College/Biological Sciences  
[CAS1029] HNRS 4701, Global Climate Change Effects on Ecosystem and Human Health – new course, requests approval for Area VII, Natural Science and Technology: Applications and Implications  
(Tabled in 2012-13 AY – Sent email notification on 11/14/13 that proposal will be sent back to the department unless response is received.)