

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION
Monday, 24 February 2014

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

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

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the 10 February 2014 Meeting

- Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
- Approval of the minutes of 10 February was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Action/Discussion Items

Department of Philosophy

[CAS 14-21] PHIL 3350, Medical Humanities

Inquiry regarding which area this course was approved in by COGE. Was it Area II, Humanities or Area VII, Natural Science and Technology: Applications and Implications?

(NOTE: The department was notified COGE approved PHIL 3350 in Area II, Humanities at the COGE meeting on 13 January 2014.)

Palmitessa said he had moved approval in Area VII, not Area II. Reinhold will notify the department about that and request the signatures required to make the change official.

Department of Psychology
[CAS 14-1] PSY 3000, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

PSY 3000 - requests title change to *Research Methods and Statistics*, change description and prerequisites, approval in Proficiency 2, baccalaureate-level writing
(NOTE: Course was not approved for Proficiency 2 by COGE on 18 November 2013. Response from department received. Discussion TABLED again on 2 December 2013.)

Discussion postponed pending response from department.

Department of Psychology

[CAS 14-2] PSY 3300, Behavioral Research Methods

PSY 3300 - existing course approved in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing – requests change title to *Advanced Research Methods*, change description and prerequisites
(NOTE: This course is up for 2013-14 COGE re-approval in Proficiency 2; however the department has requested the course be removed from Proficiency 2. TABLED 2 December 2013.)

Discussion postponed pending response from department.

*2013-14 Re-Approval of Courses in
Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing*

The committee discussed its review of the course materials submitted for re-approval in Proficiency 2. Members were open to possibly postponing this review, providing provisional approval and advising departments the review of their courses will be pushed back two years to allow departments a chance to consider recommendations that COGE will put forth regarding baccalaureate-level writing courses.

Those recommendations will be developed at its next meeting as well as COGE's final decision on how to proceed. To move forward, COGE is considering:

1. Approval of the courses that have fulfilled the requirements for re-approval in baccalaureate-level writing.
2. Provisional approval of the courses that haven't fulfilled the requirements for re-approval in baccalaureate-level writing.
3. Requiring the provisionally approved courses to resubmit materials for re-approval in two years that adhere to the recommendations developed by COGE.

Geiser will develop a rubric and forward that with additional materials to the committee to review prior to its Monday, 10 March meeting.

Other

Geiser instructed the course proposal for HNRS 4701 be removed from the list of tabled proposals since no response has been forthcoming or anticipated in the future. The proposal will be returned to the curriculum manager.

- 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

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

--Janice Anderson