

**Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Status of Minutes: Approved 2/7/18

Attendees

Members Present: L. Campbell, R. Jia, B. Lasky, K. Luna, C. Mayberry (Chair), E. Sussman, D. Weingarten

Members Absent: L. Becker (on leave), J. Goldenberg, Y. Mimura, C. Spector

Staff: T. Abourezk, J. Hunter

Guests: C. Hatfield, P. Lazarony, M. Stein, P. Faiman, D. Malmberg, J. Myers, S. Malhotra, K. Baxter, J. Stallcup, M. Filbeck, J. Heinen, S. Macauley

I. Announcements

- A. C. Mayberry provided an update regarding the Withdrawal Unauthorized policy recommendation. The recommendation has not been voted on due to cancelation of the last Faculty Senate meeting. It should be on the Faculty Senate agenda in Spring 2018.

II. Business

- A. The minutes from 11/15/17 were **MSP approved**.
- B. C. Mayberry attended the Psychology department final MOU meeting. She reported that the group is reviewing a draft of the MOU.
- C. The Geological Sciences department final MOU update was postponed until the next meeting.
- D. B. Lasky reported on the Philosophy department final MOU meeting. The department received 16 commendations, including curriculum designed for a broad understanding of the field and an undergraduate conference showcasing student work. Additionally, 14 recommendations included balancing courses in General Education and the program, and tracking student progress toward the degree.

- E. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Psychology

New Course

(Returning from 10/4/17)

- 1. PSY 457 – Behavioral Approaches to Autism Spectrum Disorder (3).
MSP approved with removal of “3 hours lecture” from the course description.

F. College of Humanities

English

New Courses

1. ENGL 253 – Bestselling Literature (3). **MSP approved.**
2. ENGL 254 – Popular Literary Genres. **MSP approved.**

New Program

3. Popular Culture Studies Minor. **MSP approved.**

Jewish Studies

Course Modification

4. JS 390CS – Service Learning in the Jewish Community (3). **MSP approved** with revised title and short title.

Queer Studies

New Courses

5. QS 208 – Issues in Queer Health (3). **MSP approved** with removal of statement that the course is an elective in the minor.
6. QS 304 – Queering the Screen, Queering the Spectator (3). **MSP approved** with addition of lower division writing requirement prerequisite required for all upper division GE courses.
7. QS 369 – The Nature of Queer (3). **Withdrawn by the College.**

Program Modification

8. Queer Studies Minor. **MSP approved.**

G. The committee discussed the curriculum review process used by the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) as outlined in the GSC Standard Operating Procedures. J. Heinen, a current GSC member, provided additional information about the process. GSC members review all proposals. In addition, two lead reviewers are assigned to each college to provide specific feedback on the proposals prior to the meeting. C. Mayberry suggested that the committee continue discussing the review process next semester.

H. C. Mayberry reminded the committee about outstanding policy items to discuss next semester: Scheduling of Instruction, Selected Topics, and Double Majors in the Same Department.