

Academic Policy Council
February 8, 2019
Mahar 467

Present: Eve Clark, Kevin White, Dan Truong, Mary McCune, Rameen Mohammadi

I. Approval of the agenda.

Motion to move HIS proposal earlier in agenda. White moved with change, Truong seconded. Approved.

II. Approval of November 30, 2018 minutes

APC will review these minutes in the next meeting.

III. Chair's Report

President's address to FA included a strong push for diversity hires. Also on-line education is being vigorously pushed by SUNY. Discussion ensued regarding how Open SUNY will be implemented in the system. Some thought that running oversight and review through Empire State would be the easiest route for SUNY to take but not sure they have the infrastructure and support to take this on.

Clark informed the group that she is in the first year of two-year term as Chair of APC. Due to changes in the Sociology Department and lack of staffing, she is currently teaching five classes and may have to next year as well. If that is the case, she will likely step down as APC Chair. She will keep the Council informed.

IV. Old Business

A) New Entrepreneurship Minor and New Business Analytics Minor

APC passed this proposal last semester and sent it back to the Department to make specified changes. They have not responded. Mohammadi stated that the proposal is at Priorities and Planning and is held up there due to concerns that that Council has regarding resources.

V. New Business

A) CRJ removing HDV 357 (Development of Criminal Behavior) from elective choices.

This is a report out item. Truong moved, White seconded. Approved.

B) History Minor Revision

McCune explained the reasoning for removing the two-semester capstone and replacing with HIS 470 (Reading Seminar in History). This course used to be offered for Education students and HIS minors. The two-semester capstone is not necessary for these students and presents an obstacle for many of them to graduate on time, especially the Education students. HIS 470 will be offered every semester.

White moved to approve, Truong seconded. Approved.

C) LTI Motion

Mohammadi explained that offering these exams will provide a much wider range of languages that could be tested. The language in the proposal will appear in the catalog in the section that includes AP and CLEP. He explained that a student needs to be on an F1 Visa in order to be exempted from the foreign language requirement. If a student is an immigrant or someone whose first language is something other than English, a CLEP exam can replace the General Education requirement. LTI opens this opportunity to speakers of a greater number of languages. Approving these exams would eliminate the need to seek out a General Education deviation for such students.

Clark pointed out the need for a period after the last sentence. McCune approved, Truong seconded. Approved.

D) CSS Writing Plan Changes

Clark stated that there are no changes being made to the major/minor. This proposal simply deals with the Writing Plan. After some discussion, agreed that this is not an item for APC so long as not adding courses to the Writing Plan that are not also in major.

E) Computer Science BA Revision

Mohammadi stated that these proposed changes are similar to the Software Engineering changes that have already been approved. Some confusion prevailed over which proposal included in the documents was the one Council was to approve. Once that matter was straightened out, Council focused on language in the Electives section. Specifically, Council felt there should be a period after “under advisement” and questioned why in the second sentence the term “project based” is utilized. Mohammadi stated that it was his understanding that all 400-level courses in Computer Science are “project based.” Clark will check with the Department about the use of this language.

Motion to approve after Elective Section language clarified and cleaned up. White approved, Truong seconded. Approved.

F) Computer Science BS Revision

Discussion of the Sequence section and the new language added there. Mohammadi felt this proposal needed to go back since the way it is currently written a student could conceivably use MAT 102 or MAT 104 or lower-level Natural Sciences courses to meet the requirements.

Clark will send the proposal back for clarification and revision of this section.

G) English BA Revision

Mohammadi forwarded along as he saw no issues with resources in making these changes to the major. Council members took issue with the difficulty of making sense of the side-by-side. The proposal also contains no rationale or justification

for proposed changes. It is difficult to tell what specifically is being changed based on the proposal submitted to Council. Concern was also expressed by members that the proposed changes construct the major in a way that privileges English even as it creates categories of “literary histories” in the plural and “transformations of power.”

Clark will send back to the Department asking them to submit a readable side-by-side and a clear rationale for the changes being proposed.

H) Marketing BS Revision
Tabled.

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m. due to Truong needing to leave and Council losing its quorum.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McCune