

*SUNY Oswego – Academic Policies Council Minutes, September 12, 2014*

**Members in attendance:** E. Benavides, S. Fettes, M. Mohammadi, J. Nichols, P. Russo, P. Tomascak, K. White

The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m. (after waiting in vain for brownie-bearer M. Mohammadi to arrive).

1. **Introductions** were made. The Council welcomes Eve (Clark) Benavides from the Department of Sociology as its sole new face (although one FA seat remains to be filled).
2. S. Fettes gave a **Chair's report**. The question arose over the summer about the split of PSY & HDV and its bearing on the 54-credit rule (limiting the number of hours in a discipline that a student may take). There are no instances in which the courses of different departments are considered to be in the same discipline, Fettes ruled that PSY and HDV courses should count as different disciplines. Should students be allowed to double major in them? Especially as it seems highly unlikely, creating a new rule to disallow it seems more trouble than it is worth. Fettes further discussed with the Associate Dean what the 54-credit rule means for majors in many interdisciplinary programs (e.g., Gender & Women's Studies), which have no singular associated department. This is a subject for another day.
3. The **agenda** was scrutinized. Review of the meeting minutes from 4/4/14 was added. J. Nichols moved to approve, seconded by K. White. This passed *nem con*.
4. **Voting for positions within the Council** was conducted. P. Tomascak nominated S. Fettes as Chair (seconded by E. Benavides). No other members were nominated and the vote was unanimous in favor.  
S. Fettes nominated P. Tomascak as Recorder (seconded by K. White). No other members were nominated and the vote was unanimous in favor.  
E. Benavides volunteered to serve as Faculty Assembly Reporter.
5. **Meeting dates for fall 2014** were established. They are as follows: 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14. This seems like too few meetings for the usual amount of business, so the date of 10/24 will be held in abeyance.
6. The **minutes of the 4/14/14 meeting** were examined. P. Russo moved to approve, seconded by K. White. This passed *nem con*.
7. The revised **proposal to revise the B.A. in Music** was again taken up. The Council's questions had been generally addressed. There remained uncertainty over whether it was the department's intention to permit Piano 1 (MUS 230) to be used as one of the "additional credits" under the Generalist track. It was also pointed out that the number of total credits needed to be corrected: since, for piano proficiency, students may pass a test (0 cr) or complete MUS 231 (2 cr), and if the latter they would need MUS 230 (another 2 cr), the Core Requirements should be 26-30 cr, the major should be 38-42 cr. The motion to approve (P. Tomascak, seconded by P. Russo) was pending corrections and assuming the department permits MUS 230 to be used in the Generalist Track requirements. The motion passed *nem con*.
8. The **proposal to revise the Athletic Coaching Minor** was considered. It was noted that PED 312, 316 & 318 do not appear in the current Catalog. These either need to be revived by the Registrar or removed from the requirements list. The proposal has incorrect titles for HSC 300, HDV 322 & HDV 323. Although M. Mohammadi recalled HDV giving approval, it is preferred if an email could be obtained to support this. A parenthetical direction after the GST 303 in the Core Requirements, as is used in the current Minor, should be added to distinguish this internship from the one listed under Electives. P. Tomascak moved to approve the revisions pending corrections, seconded by K. White. This passed *nem con*.

9. The **proposal to revise the Gerontology Minor** was considered. We thought at the time that POL 497 had not been offered since 2006, however in retrospect this was inaccurate. Since POL 497 is a Topics course, this specific topic cannot be used as a required course. PHL 307 was last offered in spring 2013. This leaves only one of three Cognates that is a regular offering. HDV 326 is not in the current Catalog. It would be best to have an email confirming that PSY is aware that PSY 343 is part of this Minor. A recognition is also needed from PBJ regarding the use of PBJ 347. P. Russo will communicate with the department about revisions needed.
10. The **proposal to revise the Museum Studies Minor** was examined. Although there were initial questions about the program, after some discussion most concerns were reasonably satisfied, although concern lingered over the relative proportion of “free” electives (9 of 24 cr). Titles for ART 250 and 251 need to be corrected. K. White moved to approve the revised proposal, seconded by E. Benavides. The motion passed *nem con*.
11. The request for a **blanket deviation for Psychology** was briefly discussed, as time had run out. Although determined to be for an acceptable course substitution, the request was badly written, so we will take this up as our first business at the next meeting.

Following a motion from P. Tomascak, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday October 3 in Shineman rm. 425.

Respectfully submitted by P. Tomascak, 9/13/14. Approved, as amended, by unanimous vote at the 10/3/14 meeting.