ASCC 4/20/12

200 Bricker Hall 8:30-10:30am

Approved Minutes

Attendees: Brintlinger, Butters, Daly, Fink, Fletcher, Lam, Hadad, Haddad, Hetherington, Highley, Hogle, Leasure, MacGilvray, Masters, Schwartz, Singer, Vankeerbergen, von Frese, Weinberg, Wurster

AGENDA:

1. Approval of 4-6-12 minutes
   * Von Frese, Fletcher, 2 abstentions
2. Updates from Panel Chairs

**ASCC**

Exercise Science Minor was approved in previous ASCC meeting for semester conversion but asked unit to reconsider deactivating minor. Unit has chosen not to reconsider and the minor will be deactivated.

**A&H**

Classics 3408- Unanimously approved with contingencies

Classics 2401- Unanimously approved with contingencies

Comparative Studies 5626 **–** Unanimously approved with contingency

* This course had been approved and was bounced back by OAA because it did not receive concurrence. The ASCC Arts and Humanities panel makes a recommendation, ASCC will vote and make recommendation to the Executive Dean, and then the Executive Dean will make the final decision.
* Economics & AEDE submitted non concurrence letters for this course.
* Arts and Humanities Panel
  + Original Syllabus did not reflect the views of any of the departments involved. The syllabus seemed dated and panel could not make a final decision without revision.
    - Panel asked for a revised syllabus from Comparative Studies
    - New framing of the syllabus includes a statement in the first couple of paragraphs that this is not a course about economic theory.
    - They were asked to show how the readings link to the course goals. This point was not addressed in the altered syllabus. However, suggested readings for students are included in the syllabus.
    - The panel reviewed the new syllabus and believes that it reflects the viewpoint included in the letter from the Comparative Studies Chair. The concerns of the economics department no longer seem as valid. The course should move forward.
* Bruce Weinberg (Economics)
  + Three objections raised by the Economics department that were echoed by AEDE. (1) Make it clear that it does not reflect mainstream economic thought on globalization. This was addressed in the new syllabus. (2) Of the 13 readings, 10 of them are by Social Scientists. There are no readings that are clearly humanities based or clearly reflect the arts. This course is supposed to be a humanistic approach. (3) This is a heterodox approach to this topic and students should know the orthodox viewpoint as well.
  + This course was stated as a humanistic approach. Economics would like Comparative Studies to add Arts and Humanities readings to make it more of a humanistic approach rather than a social scientific approach to Globalization.
* Reactions by various committee members
  + Comparative Studies is an interdisciplinary unit, constantly engaging in material across disciplines. Response from Comparative Studies may be that the texts are being read from the perspective and methodology of Comparative Studies as a discipline. Asking for a change in the reading list may not be productive.
  + If Comparative Studies required prerequisites then every course would have to have prerequisites because of the nature of the discipline.
  + It is hard to see how the interdisciplinary approach is going to happen based on the syllabus.
    - Readings draw mostly from Economics, Sociology, Political Science
      * Content seems more social science. Yet, Comparative Studies has Social Science faculty members
* Panel, Daly, Approved (8 in favor, 6 opposed)

**NMS**

* Created guidelines to differentiate between BA/BS and BA only Natural Science GE courses

**SBS**

* Have not met

**Honors**

* Have not met

**Assessment**

* Revising language for GE categories by standardizing goals and expected learning outcomes. The new document will be brought to the next ASCC for approval.
* Starting to think about the Carmen pilot for assessment and will be working with Valarie Rake. Currently identifying courses to use for pilot: high enrollment and low enrollment.

1. City and Regional Planning Minor

* Straightforward conversion of existing quarter minor. Requested a couple of minor changes. Approved unanimously by SBS panel.
* Concern: Number of Study Abroad hours. Usually a limited number are allowed for minors.
  + There are two required courses (6 credit hours) so the student would not be able to complete the minor just by doing Study Abroad.
* Panel, Daly, unanimously approved

1. Surveying and Mapping Minor

* This is a conversion of the quarter minor that was revised right before the semester conversion process. It was difficult to figure out exactly which changes had been made but it is clear that the changes are based on the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.
  + Minor Sheet: 17 hours. The minimum number of hours is 19.
* Panel, Singer, unanimously approved

1. Guidelines for BA/BS Natural Science GE Courses

* There are distinctions made between BA/BS and BA only Natural Science GE courses in the course catalog but we need clarification of the GE requirements for BA/BS and BA only courses
* This document created by the NMS panel will be a guideline for GE approval.
  + The courses do not have to match up with all criteria mentioned but they must fulfill one or more to be eligible for the BA/BS Natural Science GE designation.
* This highlights for units that there are two options when submitting courses
* This could be posted on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment website so it is always accessible
* Panel, Weinberg, approved (13 in favor, 1 abstention)