**ASCC SBS Panel**

Approved Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 2:00 -3:30 PM

110 Denney Hall

ATTENDEES: Givens, Haddad, Hogle, Lam, Lenhart, Kline, Roup, Valle

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and intro (Panel Chair)
2. Restructure Globalization Major and Minor
   * Globalization Studies is currently a separate major from the others in International Studies. The proposal is requesting that the Globalization major become one of the specializations and follow the same structure as the other specializations in the International Studies major with the goal being to increase enrollment.
   * The current structure of the major requires students to take two courses in SBS and two courses in A&H for the required foundation courses. The new structure keeps this requirement.
   * The previous requirement that the electives must be evenly distributed between SBS and A&H no longer applies.
   * The previous three thematic groups are being removed.
     + Seems as though the groups would make it easier for students to understand. Even if it was not mandated, structuring the courses into clusters could be beneficial.
   * Courses that did not clearly link to international studies based on the title and content were eliminated from the course lists.
   * The proposal for the major does not address prerequisites and requirements for a foreign language minor.
   * The reason for the minor changing from 15 to 12 credit hours is not explained.
   * The other 10 specializations in International Studies have BA and BS options. It is not clear from this proposal if that will be the case for the Globalization specialization.
     + Students pursuing the BA in the other specializations must have a minor in foreign language.
   * **No vote was taken. The Panel would like the unit to provide the following:** 
     + **An updated major advising sheet and provide clarifications.** 
       - **Since the proposed Globalization specialization of the International Studies major will follow the structure of the other International Studies specializations, will Globalization have a BA and a BS option? If so, major advising sheets for both should be submitted.**
       - **Address the prerequisites for the major and if a minor is required for the BA.**
     + **An updated Minor advising sheet using track changes and provide clarifications.** 
       - **Explain why the minor is being reduced from 15 to 12 credit hours.**
       - **Page 2 states that the minor will be terminated but page 5 states that it is being restructured. The unit needs to clarify.**
       - **Edit page 5 of the proposal under “Curriculum: Minor.” According to university rules:**
         * **Only 6 credit hours from the minor are permitted to overlap with GE requirements.**
         * **Students must pass all required courses in a minor with a grade of C- or higher.**
     + **Page 6 refers to “Peace Studies” and should be removed.**
3. Sociology 3798.03 (new course; requesting GE Education Abroad)
   * Strong proposal
   * **Kline, Givens, unanimously approved with the following recommendations** 
     + **Use the standard Disability and Academic Misconduct statements**
     + **Add an “E” to the grading scale**
     + **Link the course to a program goal on the curriculum map.**
4. Sociology 3597.01 (existing course with GE Cross-Disciplinary Seminar; request to add GE Diversity-Global Studies)
   * The assignments seem rigorous but the readings do not seem to be academically rigorous.
   * **Roup, Kline, unanimously approved with recommendations**
     + **Use the standard Disability Services statement in 16 pt font**
     + **Provide full citations on the syllabus of the readings that the students will be accessing on Carmen.**
     + **Consider where the GE assessment data will be archived.**
     + **It may interest the unit to know that a few Panel members had questions regarding the academic rigor of the required texts.**
5. Rural Sociology 1500 (course change; existing course with GE Social Science-Organizations and Polities & GE Diversity-Social Diversity in the US; request to make 100% distance learning)
   * There is no university rule for proctoring exams in distance learning courses. However, if the Panel is concerned, the issue can be raised to the unit.
   * **No vote was taken. The Panel would like for the unit to address how the exams will be proctored in order to prevent cheating. The Panel suggests reconsidering the use of multiple choice exams in online courses.**
6. Anthropology 3623 (return; existing course; course number change from 5623)
   * **No vote was taken. The Panel would like the previous requests made by the Panel to be addressed.**
     + **Describe the changes in the course to justify the change from 5000 level to 3000 level.**
     + **Provide a curriculum map.**
7. Psychology 6652 (existing course; course number change from 5652)
   * **Roup, Kline, unanimously approved with one suggestion**
     + **Update the Disability Services address**