

CCI Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee
Approved Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2010
9:00-10:30 AM

4187 Smith Laboratory

ATTENDEES: Brown, Gustafson, Krissek, Huffman, Shabad, Soundarajan, van der Heijden, Vankeerbergen

Guest: Chris Adams, Gene Mumy, Charlie Wise, Herb Weisberg

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes from 12/01/09
Shabad, Huffman, **unanimously approved**

2. ASC 589.02 - new proposal
 - Internship in Nonprofit Studies; part of Nonprofit Minor being developed
 - A model syllabus has been developed; e.g. instructor of record is the person who assigns the grade (input received from intern himself/herself and the supervisor in the workplace)—this language was developed in coordination with this subcommittee.
 - Q: Concerning the research paper, there does not seem to be research involved during the quarter. What guidance is given? A: The description of the “final report” actually explains what the report needs to look like. Also, at the second face-to-face class meeting, preparation for the final report will be discussed.
 - Q: Why is Terry Gustafson’s name on the ECA form next to “faculty name”? A: He’s not the instructor of record; his name is only there because he is in charge of Interdisciplinary Programs.
 - Q: Should we wait until the minor comes through? A: No.
 - Q: As far as the number of credit hours is concerned, is it standard to have 1-3 hours? A: No, it varies.
 - Brown, Shabad; **unanimously approved**

3. Film Studies 489- new proposal
 - Comment: There is a discrepancy between the number of credit hours on the ECA form (1-2) and the number of credit hours on the syllabus (1-3). A: This has been taken care of. J. Davidson has already adjusted his syllabus to reflect the fact that the course carries 1-2 credit hours.
 - The course is probably an elective within the minor or major, though the ECA form does not reflect this. Ask initiator to double-check that all the boxes on ECA that deal with how course fits in major and minor are checked off properly. (Note: BV talked to Matt Swift on 1/19/2010: This course is neither part of the minor nor part of the major. Course is a general elective.)
 - Brown, van der Heijden, **unanimously approved**

4. Spanish/Portuguese 332 - new proposal (required course for Andean and Amazonian Studies Minor)

- Both courses have been approved by A&H CCI subcommittee for 2 GEC categories this past Monday 1/11/2010: (1) Diversity International Non-Western and (2) Arts and Humanities—Cultures and Ideas
- ECA form: point out that “required on minor” box needs to be checked off.
- Brown, Soundarajan, **unanimously approved**

5. JGS 490 - new proposal

- Background: T. Brown: This course is part of the proposed Public Affairs major. It is a quasi-new course. In the past this course was offered as a UG 633. The content has been reconfigured. There is a proposal to cross list the course with Economics 490.
- Q: Is paperwork in process for approval on cross listing? A: Yes.
- Page 2 of ECA form: We have to check off “cross listed” box.
- **Comment: Higher level prerequisites (Econ 530 or Public Affairs 730) is strange. A: This could be solved by changing number of this course to 590 (number is available at this point) or similar number in 500 range.** (Follow-up comment: A higher-level prerequisite is not unheard of, though.)
- T. Brown: Typical pathway to this course would be Econ 530.
- **Typos in syllabus: please proofread syllabus: e.g., p. 4. “Course requirements”:** **Change sentence: “Each exam represents 10% of your final grade” to “Each exam represents 20% of your final grade.”**
- **Syllabus: Final paper: Specify which day the paper is due (instead of just using the phrase “week of finals”).**
- Shabad, Huffman, **approved with contingency**

6. Major proposal for Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs--John Glenn School of Public Affairs - return

- L. Krissek, chair of subcommittee, suggests how to best proceed with the discussion: (A) Listen to summary of proposal, (B) summary of comments from Political Science, (C) questions from subcommittee, (D) excuse guests & have discussion without guests, (E) vote: some members will recuse themselves; vote will be secret and confidential
- T. Gustafson, chair of CCI: Regardless of what the vote is, the proposal will proceed to CCI. (Then it will proceed to CAA whatever the recommendation from CCI is.) Vote from this subcommittee is expected today or at the very next meeting.
- Comment from member: Proposal has changed (e.g., possibility of a minor was added) and has been improved. Perhaps we do not need to rush to a vote today.
- L. Krissek: The recommendation to CCI can contain exceptions to the support. (We do not have to support everything or reject everything.)

A. Summary of proposal (presented by T. Brown)

Three major concerns emerged in prior reviews of the proposal:

- 1) Foundations questions and difference with other programs (e.g., Political Science)
- 2) Rigor of tracks
- 3) Where in degree program is the professional preparation

In response to those concerns, the proposal was changed the following way:

- 1) More language was added clarifying the pillars of the field (as practice and scholarship).

- 2) Economics, Communication, and Sociology made the excellent suggestions to incorporate a public affairs related minor in the proposal. To mirror the requirements of basic minor requirements, each proposed track now has 25 hours of credit, with a reduced set of two core courses.
- 3) Point number three is a clarification rather than a change.

In addition, the revised proposal contains an increased focus on explaining the John Glenn School of Public Affairs (e.g., how faculty are hired).

B. Summary of comments from Political Science (presented by Herb Weisberg)

- Substantial changes have been made to the proposal. Political Science views these changes as positives, with the result that the proposal is stronger.
- Political Science will obviously be affected by the creation of the major.
- 2 points are left: Public Affairs 678 and 679 & Political Science 305
 - 1) PA 678 and 679:
 - How do these courses relate to an internship program? These courses were originally part of the Washington Program (originally managed by Political Science and then JGS). Now that these courses are going to be transposed to Columbus, Political Science would feel more comfortable if they knew that these courses would not be tied to an internship in Columbus in the future. (This point was discussed at December 2 meeting between Political Science and JGS.)
 - Political Science offers many internships; if JGS were to offer those too, there would be a lot of duplication.
 - According to the major proposal (p. 38), these 2 courses will not be offered simultaneously. However, the syllabi still point out that students need to be enrolled simultaneously in both courses (first page, under “Course Overview”). A: The major proposal is correct.
 - Political Science would like assurance that these 2 courses will not be linked to an internship program/requirement in Columbus right after approval of major.
 - T. Gustafson: Could internships in Columbus be cross listed?
 - H. Weisberg: So far JGS has not said they would offer internships in Columbus.
 - T. Brown: There is no plan to offer a Columbus-based internship. However, we can’t foresee the future. E.g., If NASPAA starts accrediting undergraduate degrees and requires an internship, JGS would need to do so. In that case, JGS might approach Political Science to cross list those opportunities. In the absence of that, JGS does not feel the need to start its own internship program. (At Master’s level, there is no internship requirement.) In a nutshell, internship may be encouraged, but there is no need for an additional internship program in Columbus now.
 - Q: Will Washington internship program still be offered? A: Yes, undergraduates could potentially participate in it. PA 678 and 679 would be offered in Columbus with no internship for students who don’t go to DC.

- The aim is to offer two decimalized versions of the course: PA 678.01 for Columbus and PA 678.02 for DC.
- 2) Political Science 305: Introduction to Public Policy.
- Political Science would like this course to be required in the JGS major. However, if it were part of the Public Affairs major, could it also count for a student taking the SBS Public Policy minor? H. Weisberg understands you can't double-count a course. Is there a way around this? He's been given different advice. One possibility: students in minor could take an additional course.
 - T. Brown: JGS thinks Political Science 305 is an excellent course. Adding the course to the Public Affairs major would be undermining the Public Policy minor. PS 305 is the core course for that minor. Since one cannot double-count courses, JGS has not included 305 in its program. The solution is to have students be able to take the SBS Public Policy minor inside the major. PS 305 would count toward the degree in that way.
 - G. Mummy: He is the chair of the oversight committee for minors. It is possible to work out the double-counting. Advisors and directors of minors do this all the time.
 - T. Brown suggests meeting separately with H. Weisberg to discuss what the possibilities are to include PS 305 more fully in the major.
 - Q: Would PS 305 then be added as another foundational course? A: Not sure at this point.
- T. Gustafson wants to make sure that Political Science is comfortable with uncertainty of PA 678 and 679 (cf. possibility that future Columbus-based internships would be cross listed with Political Science).
 - C. Wise: Reiterates that presently there is no accreditation of B.A. programs, nor any plan from NASPAA to begin such accreditation, so there is no specific proposal/motivation to add an internship program in Columbus soon.

C. Questions from subcommittee

- Q: Proposal still mentions 4 tracks on p. 26; what about "Healthcare Policy and Management"? A: JGS has been advised to hold off on submitting documents outlining this track until the general way to propose tracks has been approved. JGS could have that to the subcommittee by next meeting.
- T. Brown: Nonprofit interdisciplinary minor that is being developed will be very close to Nonprofit Management track in Public Affairs major.
- Comment from member: In the "Community Organization and Civic Engagement" track, PS 574 "Political Participation and Voting Behavior" might be more appropriate as a core course than PS 503 "Public Opinion." A: PS 574 has not been offered often; that's why it is listed as an "other course," not a foundational course. PS 503 is offered more frequently and that's why it's a core course.
- L. Krissek: If committee is now comfortable with general shape of proposal, we should pay closer attention to courses in the major next meeting.
- Q: How frequent is it to offer a minor in a major? A: Communication and FAES do it.
- 10:24 meeting adjourned.