

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4/28/08

Members Present: M. Prus, K. Alwes, S. Anderson, S. Asumah, G. Bhat, R. Darling, L. Gatto, R. Kendrick, B. Mattingly, J. O'Callaghan, R. Ponterio, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, R. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman

Guest: A. Lachance

- 1) A. Lachance – Chair Elect of the Childhood/Early Childhood Dept.
 - A. Proposal (handout outlined new format and rationale for the concentrations): represents the reality – i.e. it minimizes substitutions and also better accommodates transfer students

Q: How about a Natural Science concentration?

- conversation could happen but we need to be wary of too many concentrations regarding Advisement

Q: Problem of full CRIM program, so the dept. is not really able to open seats for education majors

- Perhaps the solution is that the concentration could include all Sociology courses except those cross listed to CRIM? However 600-700 sections may create other issues
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NOTE: in the social sciences and humanities concentrations the phrase “Any of the following” means any combination in the Social Science concentration

Q: AAS courses not explicitly mentioned but hidden behind cross-listed courses

- Andrea will look into how to help clarify that.

Q: Lack of coherence in this new scheme

- watered down, for convenience
- needs stronger rationale

Q: POL and ECO – specific requirements have been replaced by “any GE3”

- this doesn't open doors for students, instead it locks them out of upper division POL or ECO

Andrea: there are 800 advisees in Childhood/Early Childhood, current structures are incoherent, so we have to be realistic. Potential for clusters in particular interest areas.

Other questions raised: Will this in fact broaden their educational foundations? Are we yielding responsibility to the students? Our responsibility is to do more than just provide a convenient array. More dialog needed with departments.

Suggestion of seeing four-year models without concentrations -- then chairs could help fill in the concentrations. However such models are problematic for transfer students.

Chairs should send comments directly to CCRC where this proposal will be reviewed.

Announcements

- Winter Session Courses for 1/09 due on 4-30-08
- Catalog Review – new option turned on in acalog, allows reviewers to view all course descriptions at once. Chairs OKd this as a feature they would like to see.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome O'Callaghan