

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

9/27/11

Attending: C. Schubert (chair), D. Collins, A. Fitzgibbon, S. Pasha, G. Peterson

Minutes from 9/13/11 were reviewed and approved with the modification of the Digital History course number (HIS 271, not 270).

Old Business

The History Department modified the HIS 270 proposal per the committee's contingent pass instructions. It has been sent forward for review.

C. Schubert will confirm with J. O'Callaghan that the committee meets on alternate weeks with Oct. 11 as the next meeting; a mistaken schedule had been issued. [Update: this was confirmed and the next meeting is Oct. 11]

New Business

*** New Course Proposal: HIS 271 Digital History [revised - 2nd version]

The revised HIS 271 proposal showed needed changes and CMU approval but contained an unrelated course description that needs to be removed.

VOTE: Unanimous decision to contingent pass, pending this edit.

The committee noted that it is not within the ASCC charge to back an "affected department" that may wish to see a syllabus, vs. course proposal, for a new course.

*** New Course Proposal: HIS 470: Internship in Public History

Two issues prompted discussion. The allowance of up to 60 credits of HIS 470 seemed excessive (other maximums are 18 cr.) and could be used to fill free electives. As written, the proposed HIS major program change (noted below) would allow for 6 credits of HIS 470 to be applied to the upper-division history requirement in the major. This does not fit the intent of the proposed history major revision so the department must clarify.

VOTE: Unanimous decision to table.

*** Alteration of Existing Program: HIS major

In addition to requiring clarification of the HIS 470 issue noted above, the proposal contained typographical and labeling errors in the catalog portion.

VOTE: Unanimous decision to contingent pass, pending this editing.

*** New Program Proposal: Concentration in Public History (HIS/PUBL)

The proposal did not clarify that HIS major requirements must be met in order to pursue the concentration. A revised proposal could list a required core for the HIS major and then include the options for the concentration. Catalog information should clarify this and could be modeled after one of the other concentrations.

VOTE: Unanimous decision to table.