

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

2/27/12

Attending: J. O'Callaghan (Acting Chair), D. Collins, G. Peterson, G. Zarate, S. Pasha,

Old business:

*** New Course Proposal: SOC 480 Social Movements

While course objectives in one syllabus are limited to the US, per the dept the course is open to a focus on social movements in many countries. Issues raised last week are addressed.

VOTE: Pass.

New business:

*** New Course Proposal: AST 100 Intro to Asia and the Middle East

Discussion focused on possible impact of a 2-credit course. Not clear what impact that will have on a student's curriculum. Not much use in the IST major. Will the student workload be equivalent to a 3 cr course?

VOTE: Pass.

*** Alteration of Existing Programs: AMES minor

Side by side creates confusion. Does not appear to match existing program in the catalog. Fate of POL 262, 376, 454 is unclear.

VOTE: Table.

*** Alteration of Existing Course: IST 210 Making of the Modern World

Changing course description to include a reference to the 21st century.

VOTE: Pass.

*** Alteration of Existing Programs: IST concentrations

Reconfiguration of menus of options inside IST concentrations. Should AST 200 still be listed (planned deletion of AST 200 is mentioned elsewhere)? AST 100 does not count here - content would be useful in the ASIA concentration. In the "Latin American Issues" area it's possible to focus on USA courses. In the Africa concentration, the issues area involves courses with minimal Africa content.

VOTE: None - we will invite Prof. Steadman to discuss this at the next meeting (3/12).