

UCC Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 29, 2016

12:30pm-2:00pm

UC 216

Attendance: M.Bovor, K. Rabbitt, P. Griswold, P. Brilliant, J.Bone, N.Weiner, L. Orr, K. Sundstrom, M.Williams, C. Chao, R. Baird, P. VonDohlen, B. O'Broin

1. Agenda Adopted at 2.06 pm

2. Minutes from 4/1/2016 Approved

3. Director's Report

Maggie Williams will be stepping down as UCC Director at the end of this semester.

- She will be focusing on getting the house in order for whoever will be taking over.
- For the fast track proposal, the draft language has been written up to be finalized for the senate.
- We are working on getting as much as possible through the UCC system as there are many courses to approve this meeting.
- Unfortunately, Maggie missed the Senate meeting on Tuesday due to sickness. There was a presentation on the middle states, with a push back on wanting more transparency. The Middle States report recommended an assessment coordinator. We currently have a second UCC graduate assistant instead.
- There is a small window of time until Sunday May 1st to post comments on middle states report.

Thank you Maggie for all of her commitment, dedication and work for the UCC.

4. Assessment Updates

- Currently we are focusing on advisement so there are no updates.
- Katie [macarec?] is the elected senate chair
- Usually send faculty
- The new people are added to the review panels [names] and May has updated the list of who is on the council and review panels.

5. Senate Resolution for UCC 3990 Courses- Separate attachment

- Kate Macarec and Maggie Williams have drawn up a final draft for senate proposal on 3990 courses.
- Normal 3990 course process usually bypasses the CCC – this proposal mirrors that for UCC 3990, with the added step of still going to the UCC review panel.
- We have yet to take this to the senate, we will be voting on the approval today.
 - Vote is postponed until quorum is reached. Less than 9 people present.

6. Course Approvals

A. ANTH Sem. Public Engagement in Anthropology – WI

Comments:

- There is a typo on course label in proposal, it says 100 when it is supposed to be 300.
- Would like proposal to reflect page minimum for finished work, it is in the outline but not the proposal.
- Outcome 3 could be better explained in proposal as it is in the outline.
- Problems in this course is much deeper, no indication of content.
 - Response: To get to this point of the UCC the course is peer reviewed.
 - This course is designed to get anthropology students to think about their role, links between disciplinary study and engagement in the public sphere.
- There is a minimum of 12 pages of finished product and it formally meets narrow criteria of W.I
- Would like to know what disciplinary conventions are being used – most use APA

Approved: 10/ Against: 1/Abstain: 0

B. BIO General AP 1120 – Area 3

Comments:

- Required course – why isn't it already approved?
- Same as approval for other forms of the course?
- Why is this not tech intensive?

Approved: 11/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

C. ENG Literature and Environment- Area 5

Comments:

- This has the same issues as the anthropology course.
- It is proposed as a course that is going to evolve

Approved: 10/Against: 0/Abstained: 1

D. HIST 4610-Colloquium – WI

Comments:

- The proposal does not say which semester it will be offered.
- Is this course crosslisted and is this a systematic difficulty?
 - Response: The registrar and chairs deal with the issues in crosslisting.
- This course will be crosslisted with the appropriate courses each semester

Approved: 11/Against: 0/Abstained: 0

E. HIST Modern European Social History – WI & Area 5

Comments:

- After E, it does not mention the 12-15 pages.
- Not sure how well it meets civic engagement requirements – it should have more social engagement. However, it was approved by Area 5.
- Classroom based area 5 classes usually have digital outreach.
- Contemporary activist campaign needs to be spelled out in the proposal, and connected with part 6.
- Description of research topics in need of clarification.

Area 5 Vote: Approved: 0/Against: 9/Abstained: 0

W.I Vote: Approved: 11/Against: 0/Abstained: 0

F. HIST 4100 Europe: Industrial Revolution- WI

Comments:

- Formatting of outline is skewed.
- This outline indicates its replacing HIST 3010, but they seem like different courses? – course change occurred a decade ago.

Approved: 10/Against: 0/Abstained: 1

G. LANG Detective Fiction Across the Americas – WI

Comments:

- This course is already approved for expression.
- LALS – not new code.
- There are no indication of writing to learn activities
- No final requirement in W.I guideline
- A lot of writing to do in the winter.

Approved: 11/Against: 0/ Abstained:0

H. WGS- “Queering” Italian American Gender - WI

Comments:

- Typo in proposal: ‘suing’ should be ‘using’ in the last line of section 5.

Approved: 11/Against: 0/Abstained:0

I. ASN 2040- WI

Comments:

- Already approved for LIT – W.I designation is being sought.

Approved: 10/Against: 1/ Abstained: 0

J. PHIL – Diverse approaches to ethics – Area 4

Comments:

- The disciplines of diversity and philosophy are separate disciplines.
- Adjustments have improved the amount of detail in the course outline and proposal.

Approve: 11/Against: 0/Abstained: 0

- There are problems with courses that go through two different attributes .
- We want these to skip to review panels if they have received a previous designation.
- Alternatively, they could propose through slightly different names? areas clunky/confusing.

7. specific requests:

- We will be voting on a few final things via email. There are at least two courses.
 - **T.I Course, PAL- united nations** has been approved by the tech council.
 - Criticisms were: Limited evidence of engaging students in technology. It does not seem to address the impact of tech in society.
 - We just need T.I To articulate the specifics.
 - We have a range of students with huge difference in access and knowledge to technology
 - Solution – one T.I class has to be more skill based/ hands on.
 - We are reliant on the author to tell us the complexities of the tools such as Public data explorer.
 - Why the hesitation to make T.I designation more skill based?
- We will start the new academic year talking about T.I and area 5, and what pre-reqs we expect a student to come in with.
- **3990 resolution vote (quorum has been reached)**
Move to approve proposal:

Approved: 9/ against: 0/ abstain: 0

8. Meeting adjourned by 2.03pm

Minutes taken by Maria Bovor.