

EPC Minutes 9/25/2023

Present: Candice Benjes-Small, Annie Blazer, Ben Boone, Myriam Cotten, Michael Cronin, Alana Davis, Jim Deverick, Cathy Forestell, Michael Gaynes, Oliver Kerscher, Van Monday, Christy Porter, Denise Ridley-Johnston, Megan Sanbury, Matt Smith, Cory Springer, Nivedha Vaidy, Megha Vasudevan

1. Approval of minutes from Sept. 18, 2023

- *Approved by unanimous consent.*

2. Consent Calendar

CLCV 352	Ancient Athens	course change
HIST 212	The Haitian Revolution	C350
MATH 424	Operations Research - Stochastic Models	course change

- *Approved by unanimous consent.*

3. Other Proposals

JAPN 330	Imagining Japanese Culture: Issues and Methods	course change
Kinesiology	BS Health Sciences	curr change
Kinesiology	BS/BA Public Health	curr change
MATH 412	Introduction to Number Theory	course change
Mathematics	Applied Mathematics	curr change
Mathematics	Statistics Concentration	curr change

JAPN 330 – There were questions about whether the course was repeatable, this was changed to non-repeatable. There was no syllabus before but has now been included. Course used to be used for a capstone but now different number will be used for capstone.

- *Approved*

Kinesiology BS Health Sciences – Brennan presented background for proposal including bringing Kinesiology curriculum in line with SCHEV requirements and providing a more logical progression through courses in the new degree programs. There was a question about Internships serving as capstone courses. Internship had previously been approved as COLL400 and serves a similar function in other departments. There was a question about the newly proposed HSCI topics courses for COLL400 and whether a new individual course proposals were necessary. These courses have been approved under

similar numbers in the past and again is similar to the set up for topics courses in other departments. Some concern expressed about not having a record of these individual courses passed. Would like to see mapping of the old KINE courses with the new HSCI courses. Question about HSCI 300 is that the same statistics course. Some content may be different but essentially the same course. No new courses are proposed just changing prefix, numbers and prerequisites. Question about keeping the KINE prefix or name. Provost has indicated a desire to remove the kinesiology name and the KINE prefix. Questions about difficulty of implementation by the registrar's office by Fall 2024 considering additional approvals needed but suggested that this move forward in anticipation of being ready for Fall 2024. Also, a correction in listed credits hours needed from 34 to 35.

- *Approved*

BS/BA – Public Health (PBHL)

No new courses proposed. Question about numbering of 300 and 350. Different numbering between HSCI and PBHL. Request to list as BA/BS not BS/BA

- *Approved*

Ben Boone shared more about his role as Dean's Office liaison to EPC. Tasked with ensuring consistency and compliance across A&S in our curriculum to satisfy requirements from SCHEV, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and SACSCOC, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Matt Smith expressed appreciation for all the hard work Ben Boone and Kinesiology have done to redesign the curriculum.

MATH 412 – Members expressed lack of information in proposal on course description and especially in syllabus. Jim Deverick will send back for more information.

MATH – Applied Mathematics – Questions about effective date beginning in the Spring even though Catalog will not change. Will need to work with registrar on how to handle current majors.

- *Approved*

MATH – Statistics Concentration – Questions about social class restrictions. Will not start until next Fall. Not related to earlier review of statistics courses on campus.

- *Approved*

4. *VERTO C300 credit discussion. Should waitlisted students who study abroad through the VERTO pathway program receive C300 credit for the semester abroad upon transferring to W&M? Please review minutes from April 10 to see where this discussion left off last year. EPC was leaning towards accepting VERTO for C300 automatically. Proposed new catalog language includes “Domestic transfer students who previously earned credits from an international institution for a full term, on a full-time basis, will automatically receive COLL 300 credit.”*

Reviewed nature of the VERTO program described above. Current structure misses important component of C300 for other study abroad programs which includes having students consider the connection of their experience and a written reflection. The Reves Center handles this for other non-W&M programs that it approves but VERTO is not part of Reves. Needs oversight similar to what the Reves center does for these other programs. May be similar to how veterans can receive transfer credit for global experience but this only involves a few students whereas the VERTO program may be closer to 100 students. General consensus that EPC would like to make this work – giving VERTO students C300 credit. Ben Boone and Shelley Laurenzo will begin working on ideas on how this might be implemented.

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm

Submitted by M. Brennan Harris