EPC Minutes 3/19/2024

Secretary: Brennan Harris

Present:

Candice Benjes-Small, Jim Barber, Annie Blazer, Ben Boone, Magali Compan, Liz Daube, Rachel Gable, Michael Gaynes (Chair), Ayfer Karakaya-Stump, Oliver Kerscher, Brennan Harris, Mike Kordosky, Christy Porter, Megan Sanbury, Cory Springer

1. Approval of minutes from Mar. 5, 2024

   Approved by unanimous consent.

2. Consent Calendar

AMES - Thea 460/ AMES 390	Devising Theatre: Intercultural Fables and Fabulations	COLL 400
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English Language and Literature	Joint Degree Program	Curr change
Global Studies	Global Studies	Curr change
HISP321	Puerto Rican Cultural Studies: Boriké's Cultural Production	New course
MUSC J15 01, 02; MUSC J25 01, 02; MUSC J35 01, 02; MUSC J45 01, 02	Individual Instruction: Musical Theater Voice	Course change
PHYS - 101L	General Physics I Laboratory	Course change
PHYS - 102	General Physics II	Course change
PHYS - 102L	General Physics II Laboratory	Course change
PHYS - 107L	Physics for the Life Sciences I Lab	Course change
PHYS - 108L	Physics for the Life Sciences II Lab	Course change
PHYS - 314	Quantum Mechanics II	Course change
PHYS - 352	Experimental Modern Physics	Course change
PSYC - 470	Topics in Cross Cultural psychology	COLL 300

   Brief discussion regarding updating the numbering for MUSC J## courses. Since the creative and performing arts proficiency requires two credits in the same instrument or area it may be better to designate these courses with a letter corresponding to "Musical Theater Voice" rather than the J for Jazz. Cory will work this out with the department and Registrar's Office.

   Approved by unanimous consent.

3. Other Proposals

Computer Science	BA in Computer Science	Curr change
DATA 498	Internship	Course change
DATA	Variable [omnibus course changes]	Course change
Data Science	Data Science [catalog changes]	Curr change
Data Science	Data Science [AI Track]	Curr change
GOVT - 391	Tools of Influence and Power in National Security	COLL 300
MUSC - 200	Critical Arts Collective: Race, Identity, Research and Experimentation	COLL 200

BA in Computer Science

Proposal indicates that this will allow the department to more quickly add courses that could count as electives. Some may be added later to the permanent catalog.

Concern about this being unclear for the students, may make it difficult to advise and difficult for students to plan.

Proposal could help allow topics courses to be used as electives since these rotate and would not be permanently noted in the catalog. The catalog is also not entirely accurate as many courses listed are actually no longer offered thus adding to problems for student planning just based on the catalog. The new proposal offers more flexibility.

Questions about whether this bypasses EPC or the normal process for a course substitution. May be less of an issue because these are electives not part of the core requirements. Advisor/department acts as the gatekeeper for what counts towards the major.

There are a handful of departments that already do this in principle but the language in the catalog is not uniform.

In this particular case, only 9 electives (~3 courses) would be from outside the department.

Suggestion that, if approved, the language be adjusted to be more consistent with other departments/programs.

*This raised two important questions – When does EPC apply rules backwards? When should departments be required to update their standards/curriculum to meet current expectations?

6 votes approve, 2 abstain

DATA 498 Internship

EPC did not feel the proposal met the criteria for internship and specifically did not outline the scholarly product/component. Brennan will communicate with DATA regarding potential changes.

DATA [Omnibus course changes], DATA [catalog changes]

Approved unanimously.

DATA [AI track]

Brief discussion about the value of tracks/concentrations. These are internal and not external (i.e. not of concern for SCHEV or SACSCOC). Creates some pros and cons for tracking for the registrar's office. Helps with marketing. Students seem to prefer the identity and "extra credentialling."

Approved unanimously.

GOVT 391

Proposal does not seem to meet the criteria for C300.

This proposal was **tabled**. Recommend they go back to CLA to discuss how this course meets C300.

MUSC 363

This proposal was already approved for C350 now requesting C200 for this particular course/topic. Should be indicated as a topics course and the topic is non-repeatable. Cory will work on getting the numbers sorted out.

Approved unanimously.

4. Old Business
5. New Business

SOCL - 314	The Politics of Global Health	COLL 300

Remove C300 designation. Course was designed to connect more with International Relations and no longer contains the same components for C300.

Approved unanimously.

Adjourned.

Submitted by M. Brennan Harris 3/20/2024