Curriculum Committee Minutes  
11/21/13  
Attendance: Heidi Bohler, Carsten Braun, Eric Bressler, Heather Brown, Joseph Camilleri, Susanne Chuku, Jennifer DiGrazia, Liam Harte, Christine Irujo, Brian Jennings, Megan Kennedy, Hillary Sackett, Emily Todd, Tarin Weiss, Steven Mailloux, Adam Lamontagne, Marsha Marotta, John Ohotnicky, Gina Mannarino. Guest: Gabriel Aquino

1. Approval of minutes of 10/24/13 and 11/5/13….no changes.
   a. Called to order 4:50
   b. Introduction of new student member Gina Mannarino.
   c. Documents to look for: 13-74 and associated documents; 13-76 through 83 and associated documents. 13-74 arrived just a few days ago…take a good look at it…it’s a rush job…Kim Tobin has to get this back to someone by mid-Jan…we have one meeting scheduled before then? Military Transfer credit issues? Needs to get back to Dept. of Higher Ed (John offered). These will be on the agenda.
   d. Motion to approve minutes. Approved by (10); 7 abstentions.

2. Ad-hoc committee report.
   a. Met last week: still making progress; reviewing objectives and requirements for courses listed to be part of core: are the objectives measureable. Next steps are to collapse questions and meet with relevant department chairs…covered social understanding and diversity at last meeting. (Joe)

3. Unfinished Business:
   a.
      i. 13-47: (Minor in Gerontology). Hold off at first. Come back at end.
      ii. 13-51: SOCI-0321 (Social Gerontology).

        a. Motion? Emily motion to approve/second Brian

        b. Discussion: change of course pre-req. Gabe: for this class it’s Sociology 101…addition of Gerontology 101. Any questions about change of title? Any questions on the description? Eric: I want to confirm that we approved Gerontology 101? Yes. Joe: first sentence…it doesn’t read like a sentence…Emily: John, is there
“bulletin speak” for this? John: complete sentence are a good thing!

“This course offers a critical analysis…” All in favor? Approved by all (17).

iii. 13-52: PSYC-0357 (Adult Development and Aging).
   a. Motion to approve? Motion/second…Any questions for Eric or Joe?
      
      **Amend course number abbreviation PSYC instead of PSYH.**
      
      **Approved as amended by 17 with 1 (one) abstention.**

   a. Eric: why include “Gender” or “Women” if it consistently states aging? Gabe states that women are focused on in class but the perspective is gendered…comparison to man…but focus is on women. Marsha: would it be accurate to name it Gender in Aging? If it’s about women in aging, there should be something about women in the description. Susanne: maybe you should say a female focus on the aging process of women. Gabe: we would use women. Jen: maybe you should make the title Women, Gender and Aging. Gabe: only change one or other, I don’t want to make many changes than the ones already here. Jen: what if you said Gender Prospect Focus on Women. Gabe: in sociology the terms is gendered, there is a default category of men…nature of sociology. Jen: “a course focused on the gendered process of aging by focusing on women” and not change the title. Tarin: I think Gabe should word it. Gabe: The process on aging, with an emphasis on women” Marsha: can’t you just say for women. Christine: “this course focuses on”, so that it’s a real sentence. Emily: are we still thinking Women, Gender, and Aging. Eric: having gender folded into the title might be nice. Student: I don’t read description, but that title seems very specific. Eric: maybe a title that is tortured in the discipline, might be helpful. Gabe: how about gender and aging. Marsha: can I argue leaving it women and aging. I think it covers it. I think it is about women and aging, …it is not a full comparison. Gabe:
the comparison is in default. This is the way women experience aging that is different than what we expect people to age.

b. Amendment “Focus on gendered processes for aging of women”
c. John: I think an argument for keeping the title: lists all classes offered…women and aging seems more and more comfortable.

d. Vote: approved as amended by all (18)
v. 13-54: SOCI-0101 (Aging and Families)
a. Motion to approve Jen/Brian: Gabe, I have not problem with making the first line into a complete sentence.
b. Eric: Second line is clunky (the course examines how…and the effects on all family members.) Long discussion on this sentence to include elderly and find distinction of what Gabe means. Gabe: …can we say aging and elderly, Eric’s sentence: “this is how family relations change and the effects of those changes with aging and elderly family members”. Emily’s suggestion is struck. Hillary: first sentence: this course provides and overview. Megan: the second sentence…We examine. Eric: siblings and later life…. what about those in younger life? Gabe: the focus is on people that are part of the family in later life…siblings in later life….later life is the period that goes past 55 or 65…sibling relationships that develop during those stages of life; not nuclear family that starts. Joe: is what’s being mentioned the focus of the course or a working definition. Gabe: not meant to state what is covered, but this is a definition for the idea of extended family….Joe: “will include but is not limited to grandparents”….Liam: what is fictional kin? Gabe: people not related but elderly people become members even though they are not related…not blood. It could be an imaginary friend.
c. Rationale: none
d. Vote: as amended 1st sentence – this course provides an overview…second “we examine how family relationships change” ……approved as amended by all 18
vi. 13-55: SOCI-0138 (Sociology of Medical Care).
   a. Motion to approve Emily/Brian
   b. Any questions? Eric: second sentence in course description: “the it’s”
      what is that referring to? We are only looking at pre…we can’t really
      change that
   c. Approved by all (18)

vii. 13-58: SOCI-03xx (Death and Dying)
   a. New course: title, prereq? Description?
   b. Marsha: probably shouldn’t have an “I” in the description…Gabe: We
      can remove that…” by the end of this course you should be”…
      Eric: the first sentence…is it of or on…? “concepts of and
      perspectives on” Emily: is there another word for critically engaged
      so there is not repetition…Gabe: we will critically engage the
      meaning of death…lower case death. Marsh: the syllabus looks two
      sided, but we only have every other page. Liam: is this enough to be
      going on with? Gabe gives us an outline of what is included. Liam:
      other questions? Motion to approve as amended all 18

viii. 13-47: (Minor in Gerontology)
     a. Gabe: the explanation: for gerontology…add “independent study or
        another course approved by gerontology advisor”…they will call it
differently…another appropriate course. Brian: are you not phrasing it
        specifically because you don’t know if the language is approved? Or if
the advisor would get swamped if that language is not there. Gabe: I
don’t want it so specific that it limits people. Other? Gabe: it is MOVP
100 Introduction to Exercise Science; social gerontology is 321;
xxx are still listed as 300 level will change when it gives a number.
John: I can put it in and change the typos. John: page 4 psych 207
comes out; Brian: should we get rid of special topics if that’s not what
it is. All 331 are 3XX. Take out signifiers. Eric: in
gerontology…core…didn’t we just change that course “Sociology of
Aging”? 321 Liam: families and aging or aging and families Gabe:
needs to be Families and Aging. Eric: under gerontology core PSYC not PSYH

b. Motion to approve as amended Jen/Eric approved as amended by all (17).

x. 13-44 (LACS-0101, Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies)
   a. Liam: we did not get to the core proposal
   b. Brian: Global Diversity…catalog description of course… oops the one I’m looking at is outdated. Liam:
   c. Motion to approve John/Megan -Global Diversity- approved by all (17).
   d. Social Understanding: Motion to approve Jen/Heidi: approved by all (17).

4. Any Other Business.
   a. Megan: have we talked about meetings next semester? Are we going to stay on this schedule or just Thursdays? Tarin: Aaron and I won’t make it we have a class meeting. We are not required to attend it but we do attend it. Will we meet, again. Not everyone that is here today will be here for the Tuesday. John: you also have us down for the 19th. Dec. 3rd is next meeting. Joe: do you have issues making quorum on Tuesdays? Liam: I think you should ask all of you to send the schedule so I can see when everyone is free. As your chair, I have a contractual obligation to schedule times for meetings to attend. We could take it as a default that we could meet on Thursdays at 3:45, right? That much is read. If it doesn’t work out, I’m open to suggestions.
   b. 13-74 will be on the agenda, …reminder. It’s up on the portal already. Take a look at this! John thinks it shouldn’t be too much of a challenge.

5. Adjourned: Motion/2nd approved by all (17) 5:10 PM

Respectfully submitted – Heidi R. Bohler