Westfield State – Curriculum Committee
Minutes of October 21, 2009


Guests: Margot Hennessy, Kathleen McIntosh.

∞ The meeting was brought to order at 3:55 PM by Chair Carabetta.
∞ Minutes from October 1, 2009 meeting were approved.

CHAIR’S REPORT

∞ It was announced that a new student representative would be named to Curriculum replacing Elizabeth Stack, whose schedule was in conflict with upcoming meetings.

∞ The Ad Hoc Committee addressing the process to deal with CARs related to Core Revision met earlier in the day on October 20. Progress is being made on these issues; however, the Ad Hoc Committee will need to meet 1 or 2 more times before it will be prepared to present its thoughts to the full Committee. Additional meeting were particularly important, since no Student Representative was able to attend the first Ad Hoc meeting.

∞ New proposals from ACC were distributed to the Committee. These included ACC 09-185 and 09-187 to 09-193.

REPORT: SUBCOMMITTEE B

Subcommittee Chair Harte presented the proposals reviewed by Subcommittee B and the full Committee registered the following decisions with respect to the Subcommittee B report.

∞ **07-72** Change in program requirements. *Psychology Major.*
  ○ Already acted upon; this is a duplicate. (see: ACC 06-133RR).

∞ **09-90** Change of course prerequisites and description. *LSPA 201-Reading Spanish Texts*
  ○ Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-91** Change in course title and description. *LSPA 203-Spanish Cultural Studies*
  ○ Prerequisite to include “or equivalent.”
  ○ Description to start: “Examines the forces…” The phrase “Oral and reading competence in Spanish is required” should be deleted.
  ○ Approved unanimously.
∞ **09-92** Change in course title and description. *LSPA 204 – Latin American Cultural Studies.*
  - Prerequisite to include “or equivalent.”
  - Description to start: “Examines the cultures of Latin America…”
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-93** Change in course title. *LSPA 306 – Contemporary Spanish Literature.*
  - Amend description: Capitalize “Generation” as it is a proper noun.
  - Remove “or the equivalent” in the new description.
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-94** Change in course title and description. *LSPA 307 – Latin American Literature I.*
  - Amend description to read: “from the colonial period through post-modernism”
  - Remove “or the equivalent” in the new description.
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-95** Change in course title and description. *LSPA 308 – Latin American Literature II.*
  - Amend description to read: “from the late 19th century to the 1950s”
  - Remove “or the equivalent” in the new description.
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-96** Change in course title, description and prerequisite. *LSPA 309 – Latin American Literatures.*
  - Prerequisites should read: LSPA 308 or LSPA 307 or permission of instructor.
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-97** Change in course title and prerequisites. *LLIT 310 – Seminar in Hispanic Studies.*
  - Prerequisite should be ENGL 102.
  - It was noted that this course could be taken twice if the content differed. However, a question remained as to whether taking this course twice should qualify for two core credits.
    - The issue of double core credit was referred to the Registrar – John Ohotnicky.
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ **09-98** New course. *LSPA 2xx – Spanish Language Press.*
  - Course description should read:
    - “Requires students to demonstrate control of advanced grammatical structures as well as an ability to communicate ideas with precision in both oral and written language.”
  - Rationale should read:
    - This course is intended to provide student with a knowledge of the breadth of views on contemporary political and social issues throughout the Hispanic world, as reflected in the press of both Spain and the Americas, as well as a critical perspective on the portrayal of the Hispanic world through US vs. native lenses. Intended as a 200-level major elective.
Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-99 New course. *LSPA 2xx – Topics in Hispanic Studies.*
- Edit prerequisites to include: “LSPA 104 or equivalent”
- Rationale should read:
  - “This variable content course is needed to provide flexibility within the departmental curriculum for an examination of particular aspects of the Hispanic world, as dictated by the needs and interests of both students and faculty in a given semester; designed to be taken by students with Spanish speaking and reading skills appropriate to the 200-level.”
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-100 New course. *LSPA 3xx – Popular Culture in the Spanish-Speaking World.*
- Edit description to read: “… through the analysis of various media such as telenovelas…” Also include prerequisites after description.
- Rationale should read:
  - “This course is needed to provide students with a fluency in the popular culture of the Hispanic world, as it reflects the diversity of its peoples, their histories, and contemporary situations. It represents a critical balance to the high culture focus of other required courses.”
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-89 New program. *Spanish Major.*
- Amend section title in Description of Spanish Major to be “Maximum of 3 credits from the list below.”
- Move *LSPA 2xx – Topics in Hispanic Studies* (incorrectly labeled as LCUL) to the section entitled “24-27 credits in Spanish electives from the list below:”
- Note the use of “WSC” in the description. This should be changed to Westfield State College; however, the Registrar should consider a global change to Westfield State.
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-150 Change in course title. *Multiple MCES and WSTP to EGST.*
- WSTP 301 becomes *EGST 3xx – Seminar in Woman’s Studies.*
- MCES 301 becomes *EGST 3xx – Seminar in Ethic and Gender Studies.*
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-72 Change in course title and description. *EGST 203 – Introduction to African American Studies.*
- Edit course description to read: “Provides a comprehensive… Texts will include primary sources such as slave narratives… The course will also investigate the complex experience of…”
  - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-85 Change in course title and description. *EGST 204 – Introduction to Latino/a Studies.*
- Edit line 2 of course description to read “socioeconomic positions and political struggles of multiple …”
Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-152 Change in course title and description. *EGST 101 – Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies.*
   - Replace “INTRODCUTION” with “INTRODUCTION” in course description.
   - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-153 Change of course title and description. *EGST 102 – Introduction to Woman’s and Gender Studies.*
   - Please note edits previously made.
     - Eliminate reference to global diversity in old description; however, course does remain in core as fulfilling a global diversity requirement.
     - Remove “over the past thirty years” in the description, and add an “’s” to Women in the first line.
   - Approved unanimously.

∞ 09-68 New course and core inclusion (Lit/Phil). *EGST 210 – US Latino/a Literatures.*
   - Edit description to read:
     - “Focuses on the experiences, struggles and success of groups such as …. The following themes are considered: culture; history and society; …”
   - Approved with 1 abstention; Committee member Sullivan felt she did not have adequate time to review the revised core course proposal, however, did support the creation of this new course.

Subcommittee A did not have an opportunity to present any proposals, and no new business was brought forward.

The Committee adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Sullivan
Curriculum Committee Secretary