

Rhode Island College
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes for Meeting of

November 18, 2011

2:00-4:00 P.M.

Board of Governors Room

Present: S. Abbotson (presiding); R. Auld; M. Aydogdu; D. Blanchette; D. Espinosa; V. La Ferla; B. MacDonald; J. Magyar; C. Marco; C. McLaughlin (Secretary); J. Meade; P. Meyer; R. Pitt; E. Rowell; T. Schmeling; E. Simson.

Absent: D. Huntley-Newby

Excused: I. Greitzer; M. Osei

Students: A. Johnson

Guests: R. Cvornyek; K. Tunnicliffe; K. Castagno; B. Lombardo; M. Reddy; A. Kazemi

- Call to Order 2:07 PM
- Motion to Approve Minutes for Meeting of October 21, 2011 (Schmeling/MacDonald)
Action: Approved Unanimously
- Report of the Chair
 - The list of courses that have not been taught for three years or more stands at 111. The list continues to be revised. In the near future the list will be sent to department chairs to review and determine if the course should be removed from catalog.
- Report of COGE
 - COGE remains busy reviewing and approving course proposals for FYS. COGE is also making ready for implementation of the new general education program for the fall of 2012.
- New Business
 - Physical Education***
Motion to Approve: (E. Rowell/A. Johnson)
 - 11-12-050 Add prerequisite to PED 451.
Action: Approved Unanimously
 - Communication***
Motion to Approve: (E. Rowell/T.Schmeling)
 - 11-12-051 Add prerequisites to COMM 358, 378 and 454.
Action: Approved Unanimously
 - Psychology Action: Tabled until next meeting***
 - 11-12-052 Approve Psychology minor in Behavioral Neuroscience
 - 11-12-053 Approve new course PSYC/BIOL 445

English

Motion to Approve: (T. Schmeling/V. LaFerla)

- 11-12-054 Approve new course ENGL 100 Studies in Literature, for GE Literature distribution.

Maureen Reddy described that the course was the first entry in the new GenEd program's "literature" distribution category. English will be offering many different versions of this course and expects to develop distinct versions with their own course numbers.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Finance

Motion to Approve: (D. Blanchette/C. McLaughlin)

- 11-12-055 Revise FIN 330, number and prerequisite

Abbas Kazemi described that the faculty would like to see students taking FIN 330 earlier in the program because this course is really an introductory course in finance. The new number, FIN 301, better communicates that this course should be taken in a time frame similar to MGT 301 and MKT 301.

Action: Approved Unanimously

History

Motion to Approve & Bundle: (C. McLaughlin/B. MacDonald)

- 11-12-056 Approve new course HIST 101 Multiple Voices: Africa in the world, for GE History distribution.
- 11-12-057 Approve new course HIST 102 Multiple Voices: Asia in the world, for GE History distribution.
- 11-12-058 Approve new course HIST 103 Multiple Voices: Europe in the world to 1600, for GE History distribution.
- 11-12-059 Approve new course HIST 104 Multiple Voices: Europe in the world Since 1600, for GE History distribution.
- 11-12-060 Approve new course HIST 105 Multiple Voices: Latin America in the world, for GE History distribution.
- 11-12-061 Approve new course HIST 106 Multiple Voices: Muslim Peoples in the world, for GE History distribution.
- 11-12-062 Approve new course HIST 107 Multiple Voices: The United States in the world, for GE History distribution.

Bob Cvornyek informed the committee that the History Department proposes to offer HIST 101 – HIST 107: Multiple Voices as part of a series of courses which introduces students to what historians do; how they do it; and the foundational elements which comprise the discipline. Focus is on significant times and how the world is organized politically and economically.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Physical Education

Motion to Approve & Bundle: (E. Rowell/V. LaFerla)

- 11-12-063 Approve Physical Education minor in coaching
- 11-12-064 Revise PED 205, extra credit.
- 11-12-065 Approve new course PED 278 Coaching Skills and Tactics
- 11-12-066 Approve new course PED 408 Coaching Applications

Coaching Minor: The minor in coaching will give students an opportunity to learn how to evaluate players' skills and tactics. This series of courses will help future coaches develop communication skills so they can interact with colleagues, players, parents and officials.

PED 205: Adding a credit to PED 205 will reflect the shift to more lecture and discussion about the many facets of wellness and how they can be implemented into a student's life.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Liberal Studies

Motion to Approve & Bundle: (E.Simson/D. Blanchette)

- 11-12-067 Approve Liberal Studies Program
- 11-12-068 Approve new course LIBS 100 Introduction to Liberal Studies
- 11-12-069 Approve new course LIBS 461 Liberal Studies Seminar

Tom Schmeling described the program as providing a broad-based education that will give students an understanding of the interrelatedness of different aspects of the liberal arts. Students will learn how cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving can produce solutions that are better than those based on a single disciplinary approach.

Action: Approved Unanimously

- Other New Business

7. Motion to adjourn. 2:55 PM (La Ferla/Schmeling)

Respectfully submitted by: Charlie McLaughlin

Next Meeting: Friday December 16th 2011 2:00 – 4:00 BOG Room Roberts Hall