

**Rhode Island College**  
**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of**  
November 15, 2013  
2:00-4:00 P.M.  
Board of Governors Room

**Members Present:** S. Abbotson (Chair.), M. Aydogdu, S. Breen, K. Castagno, P. Cordeiro, C. Cummings, S. Dixon, D. Espinosa, V. La Ferla, J. Magyar C. Marco, C. McLaughlin (Secretary), S. Mueller, R. Pitt, E. Simson, S. Spinette, P. Thomas

**Excused:** B. MacDonald,

**Absent:** ---

**Visitors:** M. Michaud, English

1. Call to Order 2:06
2. Motion to Approve: Minutes for Meeting of October 18, 2013  
**Action:** Approved Unanimously
3. Report of the Chair
  - Update on Subcommittee on Hybrid/Online Learning.
  - Murat Aydogdu has agreed to chair this committee: which includes Marie Beardwood, Jeanne Schwager, Rod Graham, Jeff Blais, and Melinda Gushwa.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held in mid-November
  - Discussion on definitions, guidelines, and policies
4. Monthly Report of COGE
  - Work of this committee continues on approving new Gen Ed offerings
  - A group of faculty assembled in the South Dining Room to hear presentations on this year's pilot assessment of the General Education program and to discuss the findings.
  - Full report can be viewed at: [http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/monthlyreports.php](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/monthlyreports.php)
5. Monthly Report of Writing Board
  - Title for faculty development workshop has been chosen: *Plagiarism and College Culture: A Teachable Moment*
  - Date of FDW: January 15, 2014
  - Full report can be viewed at: [http://www.ric.edu/curriculum\\_committee/monthlyreports.php](http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/monthlyreports.php)
6. New Business
  - Nursing**
  - Motion to Approve:** (Espinosa/Magyar)
    - 13-14-049 Revise NURS 264 Status of the World's Children for GE Connections; description and prerequisite.
  - Discussion:** Revision of a previously taught Core 4 course to fit the new GE category of Connections. The course addresses outcomes of the civic knowledge, collaborative work, global understanding, research literacy, and oral and written communication.
  - Action:** Approved TENTATIVELY as signatures for these forms are being collected (DONE)

## **History**

**Motion to Approve:** (Espinosa/Breen)

- 13-14-050 Revise HIST 263 Christianity for GE Connections; title, description and prerequisite

**Discussion:** Revision of a previously taught Core 4 course to fit the new GE category of Connections. This course explores the historical evolution of the traditions and practices of Christianity in diverse geographical and cultural settings from its biblical origins to the present.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

## **Political Science**

**Motion to Approve:** (Espinosa/Laferla)

- 13-14-051 Revise POL 262 Power and Community for GE Connections; description and prerequisite.

**Discussion:** Revision of a previously taught Core 4 course to fit the new GE category of Connections. This course emphasizes comparative perspectives on power relations--such as across disciplinary and policy boundaries.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

## **English**

**Motion to Approve:** (Espinosa/Magyar)

- 13-14-052 Approve new course, ENGL 266 Food Matters: The Rhetoric of Eating (GE C)

**Discussion:** The rationale for this Connections course, ENGL 266: FoodMatters, is to raise consciousness among RIC students about their participation in the U.S. food system.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

## **Physical Science**

**Motion to Approve:** (Castagno/Espinosa)

- 13-14-053 Revise PSCI 210 Introduction to Astronomy, change course number to 211.

**Discussion:** Having the same number for the former 3-credit SM course and the current 4-credit NS course causes problems in the PeopleSoft advising module. A new number will correct this problem.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

## **Catalog Revision**

**Motion to Approve:** (Thomas/Castagno)

- 13-14-054 Deletion of courses not offered in three or more years: CTE 201 Principles&Practices,Career&TE; CTE 203 Organizing Career&Tech Ed Prog; CTE 323 Internship in CTE; FILM 162 Studies in Non-Western Film (old Core 3 Gen Ed.); FREN 110 Review of Basic French; PHYS 111 Exotic Physics; PSCI 221 Introductory Nanoscience: Why Smaller is Better; PSYC 353 History and Systems of Psychology; MATH 247 A Short Calculus (This will still be retained as an EEP course, MATH 247E, but will not be in the catalog)

**Discussion:** Listed courses have not been taught at RIC for more than three years, and there are no plans to teach them again. Each department has agreed that these courses should be deleted from the catalog. Other affected programs/departments have been notified, and all affected Deans will sign off.

**Action:** Approved with one (1) abstention

## **Anthropology/Music**

**Motion to Approve:** (Espinosa/Laferla)

- 13-14-055 Revise ANTH 169/MUS 169 Music Cultures of Non-Western Worlds, change course number to 167 (GE A).

**Discussion:** ANTH169/MUS169, formerly Core 3, were approved by COGE for the ARTS category of General Education. For clarity in the administration of records, a new number is required: ANTH167/MUS167. This should be treated as a new course and given a new internal number from records.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

### **Anthropology**

**Motion to Approve:** (Espinosa/Laferla)

- 13-14-056 Revise of ANTH 262 Indigenous Rights and the Global Environment, description, prerequisite and when offered (GE C).

**Discussion:** Revision of a previously taught Core 4 course to fit the new GE category of Connections.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

### **Mathematics**

**Motion to Bundle & Approve:** (Espinosa/Laferla)

- 13-14-057 Approve new course MATH 241 Statistical Methods II (GE ASQR)
- 13-14-058 Revise MATH 445, title, and prerequisite.

**Discussion: MATH 241:** This course is a continuation of MATH 240 at an elementary level. As such, it will give students interested in learning further topics in statistics an opportunity to satisfy the General Education AQSR requirement.

**MATH 445:** Change the name of MATH 445 (currently Statistical Methods II) to Advanced Statistical Methods. This will reflect the fact that MATH 445 is a higher level continuation of MATH 240, intended for mathematics, computer science or science majors who wish to have a more in-depth study of statistics.

**Action: MATH 241 Tentatively Approved - awaiting signature sheet (DONE); MATH 445**

Unanimously Approved

7. Other New Business

8. Motion to adjourn. 2:31 (Espinosa/Laferla)

Submitted by: Charlie McLaughlin

**NEXT MEETING: December 20, 2013**