

Council meeting 11/30/11

Present: Elizabeth Robertson (chair), Colin Cairns (Curriculum Chair), Joe Lenz (Dean), Matthew Esposito, Joanna Mosser, Olga Lazareva, Amy O'Shaughnessy Michael Chiang, Mary McCarthy, Brad Crowell, Curt Cardwell, Mahmoud Hamad, Leslie Marrs

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Council minutes from 10/26/11 were unanimously approved.

Dean's report: Joe noted that this fall has been a quiet semester in terms of business. In looking forward to next semester, Joe said that there will be a number of handbook revisions, including advising statement, P&T, elections, committee membership, and continuing faculty appointments.

Joe has been involved with a graduate enrollment task force; though the college of A&S does not have graduate programs, it is implicated in a number of ways in the place of graduate education at Drake. The task force will be recommending things to the planning council in terms of what opportunities exist for building programs, including other "3+" programs, perhaps in education, or in conjunction with other universities. Arts & Sciences is not planning to open graduate programs.

Joe noted that Provost candidates and candidates for all 3 math positions will be on campus this week and next week.

Mahmoud asked when a decision would be made about the Torgerson award...Joe said decisions would be made determining the award recipient early in the spring semester.

Old Business:

ART 104, was tabled at the October meeting, Colin clarified that the exclusion of Business students was a typographical error on the form. The course is unanimously approved.

Eight SCS courses (SCSA 055, 065, 155, 165, & SCSS 055, 065, 155, 165) were tabled at the October meeting. Elizabeth relayed a message from Nancy Berns that these courses had already been approved; Dana Sams just suggested that the courses be created for methods/theory degree audit (administrative) reasons. Matthew asked what procedurally works best for admins who will enter the information. Amy noted that when the appropriate course change form is submitted, the prior courses are ended when the new numbers are created. This was agreed upon as a friendly amendment: approved unanimously, contingent upon the appropriate forms being submitted by SCS

New Business:

HIST 133: History of Imperial Russia
HIST 138: History of the Soviet Union
HIST 152: European Enlightenment
HIST 176: European Nationalism
HIST 178: Women and the Family in Modern China

Joe wondered about the fact that these have no prerequisites: is it the intention that first-semester first-year students may enroll in the course? Michael noted that it does not happen often, but it's to make the courses most accessible to students. Matthew said that many courses in History are designed as "sink or swim" classes, they are the first introduction to a certain region. In each course, there are very few students who have specialized training in this area. Marrs noted a small typo in the HIST 176 syllabus. Crowell noted an inconsistency between the course form and syllabus: Esposito clarified that 133 will be an online course: it will be taught for the first time as a web course, but it may be taught in the future as a lecture course at Drake. These five courses approved unanimously.

LPS 199 was approved unanimously with no discussion.

NSCI 190 was approved unanimously with no discussion.

PSY 024 Animal Behavior was approved unanimously with no discussion.

SCSS 021/ENSP 021 and SCSS 157: Matthew noted the difference in title between the Historical Research Methods and Sociology of the 60's. Historical Research Methods was more of an "umbrella" title, while the new title more accurately reflects what the course has developed into since first taught in 2009. Both courses were approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.