MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
MEETING NO. 392, 22 MAY 2008
VENTRESS HALL  CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Dr. Glenn Hopkins (Dean), Dr. Holly Reynolds (Associate Dean), Dr. Charles Ross (African American Studies), Dr. Nancy Wicker (Art), Dr. Paul Lago (Biology), Dr. Jason Ritchie for Dr. Charles Hussey (Chemistry), Dr. Conrad Cunningham (Computer Science), Dr. Mark van Boening (Economics), Dr. Patrick Quinn (English), Dr. Mary Carruth (Gender Studies), Dr. Joseph Ward (History), Dr. Kate O’Neal for Dr. Kees Gispen (International Studies), Dr. Tristan Denley (Mathematics), Dr. Donald Dyer (Modern Languages), Dr. Charles Gates (Music), Capt. Jack Dalrymple (Naval Science), Dr. Rich Forgette (Political Science), Dr. Michael Allen (Psychology), Dr. Robert Haws (Public Policy Leadership), Dr. Kirsten Dellinger (Sociology/Anthropology), Dr. Rhona Justice-Malloy (Theatre Arts), Dr. Dan O’Sullivan (Category II representative), and Dr. Nicolaas Prins (Category III representative), Dr. Alan Spurgeon (Category IV representative).

Absent: Professor Jan Murray (Associate Dean), Dr. Ronald Vernon (Associate Dean), Col. Steven Estock (Aerospace Studies), Dr. Aileen Ajootian (Classics), Dr. Gregory Easson (Geology), Dr. Samir Husni (Journalism), LTC James Shaver (Military Science), Dr. Tom Marshall (Physics), Dr. William Lawhead (Philosophy and Religion), Dr. Ted Ownby (Southern Studies), and Dr. Lucien Cremaldi (Category I representative).

The following course additions, changes, and deletions were approved by the committee.

I. COURSE ADDITIONS, CHANGES, AND DELETIONS

BIOLOGY

CHANGE: BISC 321. INTRODUCTORY AQUATIC BIOLOGY. Principles of freshwater biology with emphasis on factors affecting ecology and populations in diverse aquatic environments. (2 lecture, 2 lab hours). (3).

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CHANGE: BISC 338. INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY. The anatomy, life cycles, habitats, and evolution of animals of the major phyla are stressed. The insects will be presented only to the extent needed for recognition. (2 lecture, 4 lab hours).

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GENDER STUDIES

ADD: G ST 391: WOMEN, GENDER, and the ENVIRONMENT. This class examines environmental issues through the lens of gender and its intersections with race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, and nationality. Prerequisite: G ST 201 or consent of director. (3).

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

CHANGE: INST 326. MULTICULTURAL EUROPE: ETHNICITY, RELIGION, AND IDENTITTY POLITICS. This course examines European immigrant and indigenous communities with an emphasis on the social construction of group identity and the politics of multiculturalism. Prerequisite: junior standing. (3).
TO: INST 326. MULTICULTURAL EUROPE: ETHNICITY, RELIGION, AND IDENTITY POLITICS. This course examines European immigrant and indigenous communities with an emphasis on the social construction of group identity and the politics of multiculturalism. Prerequisite: junior standing. (3).

LIBERAL ARTS

ADD: LIBA 400. SENIOR CAPSTONE COURSE. A capstone course for seniors pursuing the B.A. in Liberal Arts degree. Prerequisites: senior standing and enrollment in the B.A. in Liberal Arts degree. (1).

The following other catalog changes were approved by the committee.

II. OTHER CATALOG CHANGES

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

CHANGE: A MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FOR THE B.A. DEGREE consists of 42 semester hours, including INST 101, 203, 205, 207, 421, 422, and 431. Students must take 12 hours at the 300-level or above in one geographic region, 12 hours at the 300-level or above in a single specialization module. With the exception of certain students who have already studied for periods of a semester or more in their geographic region of concentration, all students must spend at least one semester in an approved study abroad program.

A. Introductory course (3 credit hours) - 1 course
   INST 101 Introduction to International Studies

B. 200-level courses (9 credit hours) - 3 courses
   INST 203 East Asia
   INST 205 Europe
   INST 207 Latin America

C. Regional Courses (12 credit hours) - four additional approved courses in one geographic region

D. Specialization courses (12 credit hours) - four approved courses drawn from one of the following areas:
   ● Global economics and business
   ● International governance
   ● International peace and security
   ● Political and economic transitions
   ● Social and cultural identity

E. Senior Thesis (6 credit hours) - 2 courses
   INST 421 Research Seminar I
   INST 422 Research Seminar II

[All international studies majors must fulfill their social science distribution requirement by taking ECON 202 and ECON 203, and their mathematics distribution requirement by taking MATH 271. With consent of the academic advisor, students may substitute MATH 267 or MATH 261 for MATH 271.] Although other requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree must be met, the international studies major requires no minor. Beginning with the fall 2006 semester, a MINIMUM GRADE OF C is required in the 44 hours of course work required by the international studies major.

TO: A MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FOR THE B.A. DEGREE consists of 42 semester hours, including INST 101, 110, 111, 203, 205, 207, 421, 422, and 431. Students must take 12 hours at the 300-level or above in one geographic region, 9 hours at the 300-level or above in a single specialization module, 3 hours in an approved research methods course, and 3 hours in a 300-level elective course approved for the major. With the exception of certain students who have already studied for periods of a semester or more in their geographic region of concentration, all students must spend at least one semester in an approved study abroad program. Students exempt from the study-abroad requirement are exempt from the INST 110 and 111 requirements.

A. Introductory course (3 credit hours) - 1 course
INST 101 Introduction to International Studies

B. 200-level courses (9 credit hours) - 3 courses
   INST 203 East Asia
   INST 205 Europe
   INST 207 Latin America

C. Regional Courses (12-9 credit hours) – four 3 additional approved courses in one geographic region

D. Specialization courses (12-9 credit hours) – four 3 approved courses drawn from one of the following areas:
   - Global economics and business
   - International governance and politics
   - International peace and security
   - Political and economic transitions
   - Social and cultural identity

E. Research Methods course (3 credit hours) - 1 approved course on research methods

F. Elective course (3 credit hours) – 1 additional course selected from upper-division courses approved for the major.

G. Intercultural Communication (2 credit hours) – 2 courses
   INST 110 Intercultural Communication: Pre-departure
   INST 111 Intercultural Communication: Re-entry

H. Senior Thesis (6 credit hours) - 2 courses
   INST 421 Research Seminar I
   INST 422 Research Seminar II

I. OPI Language Proficiency Exam (0 credit hours) – Z-graded
   INST 431

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LIBERAL ARTS

CHANGE: A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS consists of three minors. Two of the selected minors must be from departments and programs within the College of Liberal Arts. Students must complete SPCH 102, at least 12 hours at the 300 level or higher in each of the selected minors, and must achieve a grade of C or better in each class in the selected minors. Six hours in each minor must be completed in residence.

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III. OTHER BUSINESS

Dean Hopkins made a few announcements.

1) He did not yet know about budgets but informed the chairs to await an email with the details.
2) The presidential debate will cause some disruptions to certain classes and faculty, particularly in the Department of Music. Plans are being made for alternate arrangements for those classes/faculty members. There are discussions about the possibility of cancelling classes for the Friday afternoon of the debate.
3) The administration is understandably placing priority on student recruitment and retention. He thanked those members of the College who are part of the discussion and planning on these topics.
Associate Dean Reynolds made a few announcements.

1) There was an email sent out from the College to the 900 College students without a fall schedule. At that point, she had received just over 400 responses. She thanked those department chairs helping to advise students or respond to some of the email responses from students.

2) She announced that Tania Hatfield will be joining the staff of the Office of the Dean in the School of Accountancy. Dean Hopkins announced other changes in staff and staff positions in the College Dean’s office.

3) The tenure and promotion dossiers are prepared by the Office of the Provost. Department chairs should send a memo informing the appropriate faculty members that they will be reviewed for tenure/promotion this fall. A copy of this memo must be inserted in the dossier.

By request of Dean Hopkins, Bob Haws, Chair of the Department of Public Policy Leadership, discussed the various summer outreach activities of the Lott Leadership Institute.

Dr. Joe Ward, Chair of the Department of History, informed the committee of a discussion within his department about whether to grant generic history credit (HIS 1XX) for the AP World History course/exam. The department does not grant credit for this AP course/exam because the department does not have an equivalent course. However, the department regularly grants transfer equivalency (HIS 1XX) from other institutions for world history courses.