

## **CLASS Curriculum Minutes October 17, 2016**

### **Members in Participation:**

Barbara Hall, John Eros, Shubha Kashinath, Enrique Salmon, Andrew Wong, Dennis Chester (Associate Dean) and Elizabeth Graw (Curriculum Coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 12 noon by Associate Dean Chester.

### **Associate Dean's Report:**

The first order of business was the election of the Chair of the Curriculum Committee. As a faculty run committee, a faculty member needs to be elected. Associate Dean Chester asked Professor Hall, Philosophy if she'd be interested in chairing the committee again this year. She accepted and a nomination was made for Professor Hall to serve a second term as chair. A motion was made by Professor Wong, Anthropology, and seconded by Professor Eros. The committee voted and Dr. Hall was approved unanimously.

The CIC committee will be reviewing four departments this quarter, Ethnic Studies, Geography and Environmental Studies, Modern Languages & Literatures and Philosophy, which we will be reviewing today.

### **Proposals:**

#### **Sociology B.A., Sociology Option – Discontinuance**

This step is pro forma. The Sociology Department has discontinued all other options in their department and is now only offering a degree in Sociology. Therefore, there is no need for an option.

Motion: Wong

Second: Kashinath

No discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **Philosophy – Name Change**

The department is adding "Religious Studies" to their name, since they offer several classes in religious studies.

No discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

#### **Minor in Philosophy – Semester Conversion**

A motion was made to discuss the minor in Philosophy.

Motion: Salmon

Second: Wong

The minor consists of two (2) courses from the core requirements and five (5) courses come from any Philosophy courses offered by the department. The total minor consists of seven (7) classes.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

### **Concentration in Religious Studies – Semester Conversion**

A motion was made to discuss the concentration in Religious Studies.

Motion: Wong

Second: Salmon

Associate Dean Chester recommended including the concentration in Religious Studies into the Philosophy, BA. He will discuss the idea with Professor Moreman. Associate Dean Chester also suggested the following changes, move PHIL 342 – Religions of Asia to the core of the concentration and PHIL 341 – Abrahamic Religions to the list of electives. The language in the schema needs to be edited to accurately let students know the classes they need to take and what they are electives. The concentration in its entirety needs to be reduced by 3 units.

If students opt to take PHIL 342 – Religions of Asia, it should be through advising.

Professor Salmon pointed out that there are two courses listed at the bottom of the concentration which are incomplete in their listing. The first is Ethic Studies, God is Red: American Indian Worldview, the course number is 307. Also there is a question as to whether ES 3185, African American Religion is being converted. Liz Graw will check with Professor Salomon and be in touch with Professor Moreman.

A motion was made to approve the Concentration in Religious Studies proposal with minor edits.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

### **Philosophy, B.A. – Semester Conversion**

Motion: Wong

Second: Kashinath

Minor edits are needed to the schema. The department may want to add PHIL 242 – Introduction to Asian Religion, Associate Dean Chester will talk with Professor Moreman.

Give the suggestion to add the Religious Studies concentration into the degree proposal and a few other things, this degree proposal will be held over to the next meeting for a vote.

### **Philosophy Course Proposals – Semester Conversion**

A motion was made to discuss Philosophy course proposals as a block.

Motion: Eros

Second: Salmon

Professor Salmon asked about the title of PHIL 381 – Shamanism. He would like the department to consider adding the word Indigenous to the title. Associate Dean Chester will bring the concern to

the attention of Professor Moreman. Professor Salmon does not feel that is enough to hold up the passing of the course proposal.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Adjournment was called at 12:47 p.m.

Motion: Wong

Second: Kashinath

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Graw, Curriculum Coordinator

**The next meeting will be held on October 31, 2016 at 12 noon in MB 1505.**