CLASS Curriculum Committee Minutes for
August 24, 2020

ZOOM meeting

Committee members in participation: Cory Lepage (Chair), Sarah Nielsen (Assoc. Dean), Maria Ortuoste, Shubba Kashinath, Monique Manopoulos

Absent: Inez’ Thiebaut

1. Welcome back to returning committee member, Shubba Kashinath for SLHS and new committee member, Monique Manopoulos, from MLL

Assoc. Dean Sarah Nielsen welcomed new committee member Shubba Kashinath, department chair from Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences. Shubba will replace Donny Ceasar on the committee. We also welcomed Monique Manopoulos from MLL who will replace Meiling Wu.

2. Report from Associate Dean Nielsen

Sarah mentioned having regular notification sent to faculty about upcoming proposal deadlines. She will take the lead. The first deadline is GE and degree programs that is due Oct. 15. Discussion regarding possibility of asking CIC for an extension to this date. Committee also decided not to give an exact extension date, but leave it open-ended. Cory will draft something up and have Sara review. At that time, Sarah will decide if this is best coming from her or our Committee Chair, Cory Lepage. Sarah also raised the idea of doing a college curriculum audit of some kind in order to develop intentionally anti-racist approaches in our curricular processes. There was general agreement that this would be a good idea. Some specific possibilities were mentioned: start with a review of our curricular procedures manual, read about approaches used in curriculum audits at other institutions, develop proposal review protocols that are sensitive to issues such as deficit language in learning outcome statements.

3. Report from Chair Lepage

Cory accepted the invitation to return as Chair of the College Curriculum Committee. The committee was happy that he decided to stay in this role. He also recommended that the committee use the round robin process agreed on last year where each committee member is a lead reviewer for a subset of course proposals to report on to the rest of the committee. For degree or other program-level proposals, all committee members will review these since they tend to be more complex.

PROPOSALS:

ANTHRO – 140 – Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology

Discussion:

This is a GE recertification. Removing hybrid model and doing minor revisions to outcomes. No effect on hybrid or face to face. Brief discussion and suggestion to add the verbiage, “such as”, or possibly some light wordsmithing on the learning outcomes with Sarah
Motion to Approve/move forward pending modification: C. Lepage

Second: S. Kashinath

Approved unanimously

GLST - Global Studies, B.A. and related proposals

Discussion:

This is a minor revision of International Studies – adding additional courses to the new B.A. in global studies. C. Lepage put forth to the committee that because, INTS 101, Introduction to International Studies; INTS 398, Internship; and INTS 499, Senior Seminar in International Studies all had similar changes, which Sarah summarized for the committee, that we vote on all of them as a block.

Maria questioned INTS 101’s learning outcome statements in the D1-3 section of the proposal which had specific reference to the U.S. Maria agreed to craft alternative language, and Sarah would work with the originator to make those changes.

Cory made motion to approve voting as a block, pending edits to the section in question to make it more inclusive of students who have limited experience in the U.S. context.

PROPOSALS IN VOTING BLOCK

Global Studies, B.A. Revisions

New Prefix: GLST

INTS 101
INTS 398
INTS 499

Second: M. Ortuoste

Approved unanimously

4. New Business

We will begin notifying the Chairs of proposals that come up from their departments. This will allow them to be present at the meeting, or send a representative that can speak about the proposal.

Alicia will begin including CLASS department chairs when she sends the upcoming Curriculum meeting agenda to the committee.
Cory will put together an email draft to CIC asking for an extension for Sarah to review. It was suggested the email should be addressed to Meiling We, CIC Chair, with a cc to Michael Lee, Senate Chair.

Both Monique M. (recognized by Maria O) and Maria O. were congratulated for receiving their promotion to full professor with CSU East Bay! CONGRATULATIONS MARIA and MONIQUE!

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00pm