

Minutes of the University Core Development Committee, Wednesday, March 12, 2014

The committee came to order shortly after 11:00 a.m. in Gasson 102.

Present were Nasser Behnegar, Patrick Byrne, Clare Dunsford, Laura Hake, Arthur Madigan, Suzanne Matson, Richard McGowan, Catherine Read, and Cynthia Simmons.

The first order of business was discussion of PL 476 Classical Chinese Philosophy (Joseph Jiang), proposed for Cultural Diversity core credit. This course was approved for Cultural Diversity core credit.

The next order of business was discussion of PL 477 Ethical Principles in Comparative Perspective (Joseph Jiang), proposed for Cultural Diversity core credit. This course was approved for Cultural Diversity core credit.

The next item of business was discussion of several Globalization I and II courses: HS 077-078 (Philipp Stelzel), HS 083-084 (Ian Delahanty), and HS 087-088 (Jonathan Kuiken). These were proposed both for History core credit and for Cultural Diversity core credit. Discussion of these courses was not completed in today's meeting, but we reached the following results. HS 078-088 were approved for History core credit. No action was taken on Cultural Diversity credit for these courses. HS 083-084 were approved for History core credit. HS 083 was also approved for Cultural Diversity core credit. No action was taken on Cultural diversity core credit for this course. HS 087-088 were approved for History core credit, but not approved for Cultural Diversity core credit.

It was recognized these results create a problem, inasmuch as some Globalization courses now carry Cultural Diversity core credit whereas others do not.

There was also discussion of whether the committee needed to develop a template for its conversations with various departments about their assessment of their core programs. We decided that this was not necessary, but that in our contacts with departments we should include an E-1-A form.

The meeting adjourned at about 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by

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