

Core Curriculum Oversight Committee

Date: Friday, December 8, 2017

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Alumni Conference Room, LSC, 14th Floor

Attendance: Ruben Anguiano, Michelle Carpenter, Sheryl Coffey, Antwan Jefferson, Craig Lanning, Christine Martell, Hans Morgenthaler (chair), Brian Schaeffer, Mary Lee Stansifer, Tammy Stone, Gregory Walker, Mary Baitinger (recorder). Guests: Brian DeLevie (for FINE 1000), Barbara Seidl (for SCED 2010), Bud Talbot (for SCED 2010).

Agenda and Minutes

1. Announcements

- Mary Baitinger thanked the CCOC members for completing their Cultural Diversity syllabi reviews by the deadline. Hans will complete the letters and provide feedback to the chairs and departments in the next several weeks.
- Mary provided the spring 2018 schedule for the CCOC. It will be the third Friday of each month, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Outlook Invites will be sent to attendees' calendars.
- Hans Morgenthaler reported on the student petitions he approved (Brenda Kane, Nathan Bamaw, Donald Vantlin, and Ryan Fetterer)
- Hans informed the group of the name changes for two English department classes: ENGL 1601 is now "Storytelling: Literature, Film and Television," and ENGL 2600 is now "Literary Classics." These changes will occur in Spring 2018, and the Core Curriculum list will reflect this.

2. Review of accepted prefixes for Natural and Physical Sciences Core Classes

3. Revisit proposal to add SCED 2010, "Physical Sciences for Everyday Thinking," to the Natural & Physical Sciences Core Area.

Agenda items 2. and 3. were combined into one discussion focusing on who has the authority to add course prefixes to CCOC policy and whether SCED 2010 is an appropriate addition to this Core Area. SCED 2010 had been tabled at the November meeting, pending further conversation about the course itself and review of the existing *CCOC Policies & Procedures* text (Section 2G.i):

Natural & Physical Sciences, specific criteria: Courses in this Area must come from disciplines with these course prefixes: ANTH, BIOL, CHEM, CSCI, ENVS, GEOG, GEOL, MATH, PHYS, PSYC (though not all courses with these prefixes automatically qualify). Students must take one science course with a laboratory. The second course may be a science course with or without a laboratory, or may be a mathematics course, excluding the course used to satisfy the Intellectual Competencies mathematics proficiency.

The CCOC recapped what occurred at the November meeting regarding SCED 2010. A motion was proposed again to add “SCED” to this list of approved course prefixes, since “CSCI” had been added in the past. Bud Talbot and Barbara Seidl provided further background regarding SCED and reasons for wanting to include it in this Core. A concern was raised about faculty governance and whether adding a prefix to this list would constitute a “major” or a “minor” revision to Core policy, since the policy permits CCOC to make minor changes on its own prerogative while major changes require a vote of the faculty of each school/college. Previous meeting notes from September 16, 2014 and April 14, 2015 were obtained to find documentation of how this matter was addressed by previous CCOC Committees, and no link was established regarding SCED and this current request.

Motion: “SCED 2010 is approved conditionally, pending the review of the process for adding a new prefix to the Core that is consistent to university policies of faculty governance.”

Vote: 7 approved, 2 opposed.

4. Core Course Application – FINE 1000: Fostering Creativity

Brian DeLevie, instructor for the course, attended the discussion to add FINE 1000 to the Arts Knowledge Area. Conversation included the following:

- Good methodical approach to being creative
- Great addition to this category
- Open and accessible to majors and non-majors
- Modules will be used to delineate aspects of creativity and can cross into other modules within the course
- Three to four methods of writing are included in the syllabus, including blogs and language and short concise ways of writing
- Rubric will be added into the syllabus – currently not present
- More diversity is good, and this is taken into account

Vote: Course was approved by the present 8 voting members, with 1 abstention.

5. Next Year’s CCOC Chair

Hans Morgenthaler announced that he is stepping down as chair of the CCOC as part of his retirement from CU Denver. If anyone would like to be the CCOC chair starting Fall 2018, in addition to shadowing the position during Spring 2018, please contact Hans or Jeff Franklin.