

Council on General Education Minutes

February 20, 2024

10:00-11:00 a.m., STV 140

Presiding: Gregory Ferrence

Present: Brian Aitken, Gregory Braswell, Linda Clemmons, Gregory Ferrence, Amy Hurd, Josh Newport, Rocio Rivadeneyra, and Chris Worland

Guest:

Malinda Aiello, Program Director, Illinois Articulation Initiative

Ferrence called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Action Items:

1. PHI 214 Introduction to the Philosophy of Race (existing course proposed for ICL designation)

The course was proposed by Dr. John Lawless, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Ferrence reminded Council members the proposal had been discussed at previous meetings. Dr. Chris Horvath attended the previous Council meeting and answered the Council's questions regarding both this, and the PHI 202 proposal. Both proposals were revised to remove the hours requirement and re-added the COM 110 prerequisite.

Newport asked for clarification of what the abbreviation ICL meant. Ferrence responded it stood for Individuals and Civic Life. Rivadeneyra added ICL courses typically fell within Political Sciences courses. Aitken responded ANT 176 currently counts for the ICL designation and gets into race. He added this course probably does meet the spirit of ICL. Aitken mentioned there would not be a need for a lot of seats as most students would complete their ICL requirement during their first semester.

Council members thought the course fit the ICL designation criteria and agreed with the proposal revision regarding the change in prerequisite.

A motion was made by Aitken to approve PHI 214 for the ICL designation. Worland seconded.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion carried.

2. PHI 202 Philosophy of Sex and Sexuality (course revision of existing HUM course)

The course was proposed by Dr. Chris Horvath, Chair, Department of Philosophy

Ferrence noted following the previous meeting's discussion with Horvath, the proposal was revised to remove the hours requirement and re-added the COM 110 prerequisite. Rivadeneyra added the course description was also revised to provide a clearer description of course content.

A motion was made by Rivadeneyra to approve the course revision for PHI 202. Braswell seconded.

All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The motion carried.

Hurd and Rivadeneyra had to leave the meeting following the vote. All remaining items were changed to Discussion Items due to lack of quorum.

Discussion Items:

3. CSD 212 Hearing Science and Audiology (existing course proposed for SMT designation)

The course was proposed by Dr. Antony Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders.

Ferrence noted the proposal included a title change by dropping “Introduction to...” and struck “...for teachers of deaf...” from the description. He felt the course was appropriate for the SMT designation. Worland agreed and noted there is testing, data inputs, measurements and working with technology in the audiology field that would align with the category requirements.

Aiello confirmed Worland’s description of the use of technology, data, and inputs due to her personal experience with audiology and classified the course as a life science. Newport agreed with Worland’s assessment of the use of technology and thought the course seemed to fit the designation. Ferrence agreed the applicability was very clear and asked how often the course was offered. Aitken responded the department typically offers one section in the fall and spring.

Worland added he served as the subject librarian for the department and had been working with the instructor to select ebooks for the course. The instructor is hoping to offer more seats and Worland believed based on the resources used for the course, the 200-level course level was also appropriate.

4. General Education Revision Update

Ferrence asked if there was an update on the status of the General Education revision proposal. Aitken responded the Executive Committee was working on the proposal. He believed the goal was to have the proposal to the Council to review after spring break. Ferrence will ask Hurd to provide an update and review guidance at the next meeting.

Aitken made a motion to adjourn. Newport seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soemer Simmons