Minutes

SoLA Curriculum Committee Meeting

11 March 2020

1:00-2:00 PM

Via Google Hangouts Meet

In attendance: Dr. Courtney Bryant, Dr. Antonio Cordoba, Dr. Michael Grabowski (chair), Dr. Maria Maust-Mohl, Dr. Nefertiti Takla

The meeting began at 1pm via Google Hangout Meet.

1. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Minutes of February 12, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. History: Course changes (100 & 225) & new course (393: Global Feminisms)
   1. The title change of History 100 was considered. Dr. Takla explained the change from History Seminar to Experiencing History reflect the content of the course, which is not taught as a seminar. The committee voted unanimously to approve the change. Feedback from Dr. Elizabeth Nelson (not present) via email also supported the change.
   2. The title and catalog description change of History 225 was considered. The committee discussed the change from Hispanic America to Modern Latin America to better reflect the course as taught by Dr. Lydia Crafts. The committee voted unanimously to approve the change. Feedback from Dr. Nelson via email also supported the change.
   3. The proposed new course History 393: Global Feminisms was considered. Dr. Takla explained the purpose and structure of the course. Dr. Nelson asked via email whether there were opportunities to cross list the course with other departments, though she noted any answer to that question would not impact her support for the course, which she approves. Dr. Takla noted that the course also would contribute to the International Studies, WAGS, and Peace and Justice Studies programs. The committee agreed that the course was appropriate and innovative, and Dr. Takla was the ideal instructor to teach this course. The committee voted unanimously to approve the new course.
4. Peace & Justice Studies: Changes to major and minor

Dr. Nuwan Jayawickreme was invited and joined the videocall at this time. He explained the proposed changes as a realignment to modules that included both skills-based and methods-oriented courses and emphasized an interdisciplinary approach. The revised minor would allow students to focus on an issue of interest. It was noted that, besides the introductory course, the minor would count no more than two courses from a single department, emphasizing its interdisciplinary approach. Dr. Takla asked why History 306 was not included in the list of eligible courses. Dt. Jayawickreme agreed that this was an oversight and will add that course in the catalog copy. The committee agreed that the proposal was well structured and included support from the formed task force, included minutes from task force meetings, and records of permissions granted from chairs of each department that would be affected by this change. After Dr. Jayawickreme left the virtual meeting, the committee voted unanimously to approve changes in the major, then voted unanimously to approve the changes to the minor. As the major changes are less than 9 credits, the chair of the College Curriculum Committee determined they do not need to approve the changes, and they and the minor changes may immediate be updated in the 2020-2021 catalog copy.

1. The committee members agreed to hold the next meeting (most likely virtually) on April 29 1-2pm.
2. New Business—no new business was discussed.
3. The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Grabowski