**School of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee Meeting**

**October 30, 2019**

**Minutes**

In attendance: Drs. Kelly Marin (chair), Jawanza Clark, Michael Grabowski, Elizabeth Nelson, Evelyn Scaramella, and Dean Keith Brower.

Notetaker: Elizabeth Nelson

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes from September 25, 2019 meeting approved (will correct reference from Econ 444 to Econ 332).
3. The Political Science Curriculum Revision for the Minor was unanimously approved.
4. SOC Proposals:
   1. Course Title Changes
      1. The course title change for SOC 209 from Ethnic Communities to Identities of New York was unanimously approved.
      2. The course title change for SOC 330 from The Modern Metropolis to Anatomy of a US City was unanimously approved.
         1. It was noted that the Sociology Department may have to resubmit SOC 330 as a new course since it has been closed for some time although it was still on the system.
   2. New Courses
      1. SOC 296: Introduction to Human Geography was resubmitted after the committee requested clarification on the writing requirements and the weight given to participation. SOC 296 was unanimously approved.
      2. SOC 351: Network Analysis was resubmitted after the committee requested further clarification. SOC 351 was unanimously approved.
      3. SOC 225: Telling Stories with Maps was resubmitted after the committee requested further clarification on the writing requirements and the weight given to participation. SOC 225 was unanimously approved.
   3. New Geography Concentration and Minor
      1. Dr. Robin Lovell came to speak about the Geography Concentration and Geography Minor submissions. She explained the basis for these additions. In response to exit student polls they are meeting the demand for more analytic skills. The concentration was a response to this need. The minor allows for students in other schools and departments to focus on Geography as well as allowing Sociology Majors who are concentrating in Criminal Justice to also have a focus on Geography.
      2. In response to a concern over staffing, Dr. Lovell assured the Committee that she had fostered relationships at Bronx Community College and other schools within the CUNY system and would easily be able to find adjuncts when a need arises.
      3. After Dr. Lovell left the meeting, committee members questioned whether it would be possible to major in Sociology and minor in Geography, given they would both fall under the Sociology Department. After determining that the classes required for each would be quite different, the committee did not raise concerns.
      4. The motion to approve the Geography Minor was unanimously approved.
      5. The motion to approve the Geography Concentration was unanimously approved.
5. It was agreed that the following and last meeting of the semester would take place on December 4, 2019.