SOLA Curriculum Committee minutes, Dec. 5, 2018

Meeting convened at 10:05

Present: Rocco Marinaccio, Evelyn Scaramella, Michael Grobowski, Pam Chasek, Kelly Marin, Nefertiti Takla, Jawanza Eric Clark

Absent: Keith Brower

* Minutes approved.
* Philosophy number changes to courses discussed.Chair informed committee that Eoin O’Connell, philosophy chair, talked to Pam C. and Andrew S. about cross listing changes as it affects their respective departments. He received their approval; thus a motion was made to approve all six courses together. All approved.
* Sociology course proposals were discussed. One already existing course proposed as change in the title and two other new courses were proposed.
  + Cory Blad invited to meeting to explain his Capitalism course specifically and possibly answer questions regarding the other Sociology courses.
  + Pam C. raised a concern about what makes this course Sociology? The course objective suggested a sociological approach.
  + Cory Blad explained his course. He noted the problem with teaching capitalism is the deficiencies of contemporary texts specifically with regards to teaching undergrads. He went on to defend the course as a sociology course.
  + Question posed to Cory: Do course numbers matter in Sociology? This course would be a 200 level intentionally. He’s trying to address distribution and get the numbers to matter more. The textbook he proposed is *Introduction to Political Economy*. The course does not overlap with FYS. It’s clearly a sociology class. Cory B. exits.
  + The possibility of Crosslisting the class is an issue to be discussed at a later date and doesn’t affect the question of whether to adopt the course.
  + Pam asked a question regarding the running of Special Topics courses in various departments in SOLA. Pros and Cons were discussed. It is not a rule that the SOLA curriculum committee endorses.
  + The Capitalism course was voted on and approved.
  + The title change in the Sociology course from Organized Crime to Modern American Gangs was voted on and approved.
  + Gender, Crime, and Justice course discussed. There were concerns about the writing load, and lack of minuses in the grading scale. Kelly will talk to Cory. Course was approved assuming those concerns will be addressed.
* Discussion ensured regarding the inadequacies of the forms addressing changes to courses and other proposals presented to this committee. We need a form for every type of proposal we get. All the forms are about courses. New forms need to be created. There was discussion about the creation of new forms.
* The committee decided that Evelyn and Kelly will create new forms to pilot in the Spring based on the Salisbury College model.
* A meeting needs to be scheduled around the Registrar dates for next semester. We should schedule a meeting before the end of January.

Meeting adjoined at 11:00am.