

DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 9, 2005

1:00. — 3:00 p.m.

TSC 203

NEW DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT COURSE SUBMISSIONS:

I. ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATION

Req. by Larry Gross

Add an “m” for Diversity status to the following proposed new course:

Eff. Fall 2006

COMM 383 SPORTS, COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE (4)

Rhetorical and critical approaches to sports and public discourse; application to sports organizations, the news and popular media; representations of gender and race in sports.

- **DEFERRED TO COMMITTEE.** The committee wants to encourage the faculty member to continue to develop the syllabus to satisfy the diversity requirement. Subjects concerning diversity cover about four weeks of the syllabus, which is just short of the one-third minimum. The coverage, especially of gender, seems sketchy at times. The committee would like the faculty member teaching the course to more clearly articulate how the topics cover issues of diversity. This is an important approach, deserving of further exploration. The panel requests that sample exams be provided, along with clarification of how the paper topics can relate to diversity. The panel noted that there are some additional related courses that look like they may be relevant for diversity, such as COMM 466 and 467 (both cross-listed with JOUR).

II. LAS: AMERICAN STUDIES AND ETHNICITY

Req. by George Sanchez

Add an “m” for Diversity status to the following new course:

Eff. Spring 2006

AMST 374 EXPLORING ETHNICITY THROUGH FILM (4, FaSpSm)

Examination of the constructions of American ethnicity/race in film.

- **APPROVED**

DIVERSITY COURSE 5-YEAR REVIEWS:

III. LAS: ANTHROPOLOGY

Department Chair: Craig Stanford

Eff. Fall 2006

ANTH 371M CROSS-CULTURAL RESEARCH ON URBAN GANGS (4)

Youth gang dynamics and their effects on institutions. Comparative analysis of Asian-, African-, and Mexican-American gangs.

- **APPROVED**

IV. LAS: GEOGRAPHY

Department Chair: Michael Dear

Eff. Fall 2006

GEOG 350M RACE AND ENVIRONMENTALISM (4)

Relationships between environmentalism, environmental problems and racial-ethnic minorities. Rise of environmental justice movement. Assessment of social science methods used to investigate these relationships.

➤ **APPROVED**

V. LAS: HISTORY

Department Chair: Steven Ross

Eff. Fall 2006

HIST 378M INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY (4)

Comparative examination of the social, economic, and political experiences of Asian immigrants and their descendants in the U.S., 1840s-present.

➤ **DEFERRED TO COMMITTEE.** The panel requests that a syllabus offered by a regular member of the department, such as Prof. Kurashige, be provided. The syllabus which was reviewed, which was prepared by an adjunct, did not state course objectives or relevance to diversity.

VI. LAS: PSYCHOLOGY

Department Chair: Gerald Davison

Eff. Fall 2006

PSYC 462M MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH (4)

The influence of culture, ethnicity, race and gender on human behavior. Mental health issues relevant to ethnic minorities in the U.S.

➤ **APPROVED**

VII. ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATION

Director: Larry Gross

Eff. Fall 2006

COMM 395M GENDER, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION (4)

Issues of gender in communication, including: media representations of femininity and masculinity; and gender's role in communication at the interpersonal, public, and cultural levels.

➤ **APPROVED**

VIII. THORNTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Associate Dean: Giulio Ongaro

Eff. Fall 2006

MUSC 450M THE MUSIC OF BLACK AMERICANS (4)

The musical contribution of Africans and African Americans to American society. Musical genres and the relationship between music and society will be topics for examination.

➤ **APPROVED**

Members present

Eugene Bickers (*ex-officio*)
Jo Ann Farver
Frances M. Fitzgerald (*support staff*)
Richard Fliegel (*affiliated staff*)
David Glasgow (*ex-officio*)
Elaine Bell Kaplan (*chair*)
Shane Lee (*student*)
Edwenna Werner (*affiliated staff*)
Lora Zane
Bruce Zuckerman

Members unable to attend

Marjorie Becker
Elizabeth Garrett (*ex officio*)
Joyce Richey
Kenneth Servis (*ex-officio*)
Kendall Simmonds
Peter Starr (*ex-officio*)
Beverly Wood

Guests

Elaine Bell Kaplan, chair
Diversity Requirement Committee

Date