

SOCIAL SCIENCE PANEL

MINUTES

October 19, 2005

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

TSC 205

DEFERRED ITEM

I. LAS: PSYCHOLOGY

Req. by Gerald C. Davison

Add a new course:

Eff. Spring 2006

PSYC 469 SCHIZOPHRENIA RESEARCH (4, Sp)

Current research on possible causes of schizophrenia. Topics: history, diagnosis, genetics, neural development, obstetrics, psychosocial factors, brain imaging, psychopharmacology, premorbid signs and aging. Prerequisite: PSYC 100; recommended preparation: read current professional journals related to schizophrenia.

- **4/22/05 SSP MEETING: DEFERRED to full panel with one abstention** from a faculty member in the department. The panel was provided with a revised syllabus which was provided at the request of the Curriculum office after it was determined that it was not complete. However, there are still no course objectives stated in the syllabus, and the readings are not articulated. It is not clear from the syllabus that was provided how the goals and objectives will be met with the paper and exams. The panel noted that the syllabus lacks a statement concerning resources for students with disabilities.
- **APPROVED:** No response from department was received. A copy of the original #301 and the syllabi were provided to panel members. The department did send a second submission of the syllabus prior to the April meeting which shows that the participation is less than 10% of the total grade breakdown, and that a reader is required, but the articles in the reader are not identified. They also agreed that the course would provide students with exposure to a preeminent scholar in the field on a subject of great interest to many.

NEW ITEMS:

II. MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: FINANCE AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Req. by Ayse Imrohoruglu

Add a new course:

Eff. Spring 2006

FBE 429 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW (4, FaSp)

Introductory course on the legal and regulatory environment of international business transactions.

- **APPROVED.** It was noted that there is no prerequisite for this 400-level course. The course appears to be an effort by the School of Business to reach out to non-majors. The signoff from the dean's representative from the Law School was received.

III. LAS: AMERICAN STUDIES AND ETHNICITY

Req. by George Sanchez

Add a new course:

Eff. Spring 2006

AMST 374 EXPLORING ETHNICITY THROUGH FILM (4, FaSpSm)

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

- **APPROVED.** The syllabus contains a very long list of films. Panel members wondered how much class time is devoted to film viewing. The syllabus did not make clear if the films are watched in class or if students are required to watch them outside class. Clarification about viewing time for films was to be made via email between the panel chair, the curriculum office and the proposing faculty. The instructor stated that one hour a week of class time was spent viewing films.

IV. LAS: ECONOMICS

Req. by Robert Deckle

Add a new course:

Eff. Spring 2006

ECON 344 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (4, FaSp)
Contemporary economic problems of sub-Saharan African economies: policies and endowments. Focus on issues of poverty, agriculture, health, macroeconomy and political economy. Prerequisite: ECON 203 or ECON 205.

- **APPROVED.** The panel recommended that the syllabus include a week by week breakdown so students can tell how the subject matter will be spread out over the 15-week semester.

V. LAS: HISTORY

Req. by Steven Ross

Add 2 new courses:

Eff. Spring 2006

A. HIST 342 LOVE AND POLITICS IN AMERICA, 1750s TO 2050s (4, Fa)
An analysis of the intersections of love and politics, private and public, in fiction, non-fiction, and film in America from the Enlightenment into the future.

- **DEFERRED to panel chair with one abstention** from a panel member from the department. This was developed from a Thematic Options CORE course. The request has been approved by the Gender Studies and English department chairs. The themes of the course are not stated clearly in the syllabus. The panel requests that a revised syllabus be prepared which states the objectives of the course (student learning outcomes) and which lists the topic or theme for each class, in addition to the readings.

B. HIST 452 BEAUTY AND THE BODY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (4, Sp)
Cultural constructions of the body and beauty from gender, ethnicity, age, and disability perspectives in Europe and the United States from 1800 to the present.

- **APPROVED with one abstention** from a panel member from the department. The request has been approved by the Gender Studies and English department chairs.

VI: KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE
PREVENTION STUDIES Req. by Elahe Nezami

Add a new minor:

Eff. Fall 2006

Cinema-Television for the Health Professions Minor [24 unit minor]

- **DEFERRED to panel.** Many questions were raised by this proposal. The department's original request was unclear about course requirements, so the curriculum office asked them to clarify it. They provided a second version of the request. The Cinema-School dean had signed off on the first version and was asked to weigh in on the second version; his response has not yet been received. The purpose and constituency of the minor are not clear. If the goal is to enable students in the health professions to be able to "partner with the entertainment industry" to disseminate health information, could this be achieved by taking only CNTV 190 and 191? (The minor currently does not *require* any additional CNTV courses.) And is CNTV 190, in particular, really essential? The panel suggests that it would be better to develop a course that deals specifically with the production of health-related cinema or TV. Additionally, there should be consideration of which CNTV courses would be most useful for someone wishing to be involved in making health videos. In what way would this minor be more useful and germane than the current cinema minor?

Members present

Frances Fitzgerald (support staff)
Steven Lamy (chair)
Je Hoon Lee
Alice Cline Parker
William M. Rideout
Meg Russett
Dennis Schorr
Terry Seip
Nitin Sharma (student)
Edwenna Werner (*for ex-officio*
Kenneth Servis)

Members absent

Eugene Bickers (*ex officio*)
Elizabeth Garrett (*ex officio*)
David Glasgow (*ex officio*)
Kenneth Servis (*ex-officio*)
Peter Starr (*ex officio*)

Guests

Steven Lamy, Chair, Social Sciences Panel

Date