

## Academic Affairs Committee—April 17, 2018

Present: Sandy Maisel, Steve Saunders, Dale Kocevski, Katie Donahue, Loren McClenahan, Adrienne Carmack, Jacob Adner, Sam Scott, Beth Schiller, Russ Johnson, Jim Sloat, David Freidenreich

I. The minutes from the April 3, 2018 meeting were approved.

II. The following course proposals were approved:

- A. Chemistry 1xx (Earth Systems Chemistry I) N,Lb
- B. Chemistry 1xx (Earth Systems Chemistry II) N,Lb
- C. French 3xx (Francophone Ecocriticism...) L, I
- D. Geology 361 (Topics in Geochemistry)
- E. German 2xx (Kafka and his Contexts) L
- F. Greek 3xx (Sophocles: Ajax) L
- G. History 3xx (South African Women's Memoir) [experimental, H, I]
- H. History 3xx (Minorities in East Asia) [experimental, H, I]
- I. Jewish Studies 2xx (Community Organizing and Social Justice)
- J. Latin 3xx (Livy: Early Rome)
- K. Religious Studies 1xx (Mysticism, Spirituality, and Religious Experience) L
- L. Science, Technology, and Society 2xx (Digital Projects in Environmental History)
- M. Science, Technology, and Society 2xx (Global Food, Health, and Society) [exp, S, I]
- N. Science, Technology, and Society 114 (Introduction to Medicine and Society)

III. The following course proposals were approved:

- A. Physics 250 (Experiments in Modern Physics)
- B. Physics 241 (Modern Physics I)
- C. Physics 242 (Modern Physics II)
- D. Physics 401 (Physics and Astronomy Seminar)

IV. The following course proposals were discussed but not approved:

- A. Art 3xx (Japanese Visual Culture)
- B. Computer Science 125 (Introduction to R) [4 weeks]
- C. "Education" 301,302 (Citizenship and Community)
- D. "German" 111 (Documenting Off-Campus Study)

For *Japanese Visual Culture* the committee had concerns about a required (and costly) field trip during spring break. For *Introduction to R* the committee had concerns about the use of recorded lectures in place of some regular class meeting time. For *Citizenship and Community* the committee had concerns about whether the course was appropriate for academic credit, about interference with other required courses, and about the logistics of making the course a

requirement in order to stay in the downtown housing. For *Documenting Off-Campus Studies* the committee had concerns about whether the course was appropriate for academic credit.

V. Requirements for the Science, Technology, and Society minor

The STS program has proposed a second track for completing an STS minor, which is meant to appeal to students majoring in one of the natural sciences. After receiving feedback from the AAC on its original proposal, STS has now submitted a revised version of its proposal. The revised proposal for a second track in the STS minor was unanimously approved.

VI. Post-faculty meeting follow-up on Grading Motion #2.

At the April faculty meeting, concerns were expressed about both of the AAC's grading-related motions. The highest level of concern appeared to be about Motion #2. The committee discussed whether it would be a good idea to introduce (at the May faculty meeting) a revised version of Motion 2 that did not include a request for grading information at an individual level. Time ran out before any definite conclusion was reached.