

Academic Affairs Committee—April 9, 2019

Present: Sandy Maisel, Steve Saunders, Loren McClenachan, Dale Kocevski, Luke Parker, Katie Donahue, Lindsey Nelson, Sam Scott, Jim Sloat, Russ Johnson

JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ZONE

The Academic Affairs Committee met together with the Subcommittee on Academic Schedule and the Athletics Advisory Committee to discuss the 4-7 pm “zone”. This 3-hr window in which (ostensibly) no classes are scheduled was established in the 1980s. Its purpose is to allow extracurricular activities such as athletics to take place at a time when they will not conflict with classes, and vice-versa.

Many issues related to the zone were discussed, including the impact of zone incursions (both legal and illegal) on athletics, the potential impact of a Community Time on the zone, and the impact of “zone creep” (in which students need to leave class well before 4:00 in order to arrive on time at practice) on classes.

REGULAR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

After the joint meeting described above, the committee then held a brief meeting to conduct regular AAC business.

- I. Minutes from the previous meeting (April 2) were approved.
- II. Fifteen course proposals were approved.

EN 397 (Special Topics in Medieval Literature...) Exp, L
EN 3xx (Colonial and Postcolonial Literature) L, I
EN 2xx (Introduction to Colonial and Postcolonial Literature) L, I
EN 3xx (The Enlightenment and the Anthropocene) L
EN 256 (Studies in American Literary History...) add U
FR 3xx (Illuminating Turns to Science in 19th Century France) H, I
FR 3xx (Queering the Maghreb in Francophone Cinema) Exp, A, I
GK 2xx (Classical Rhetoric) L
GK 3xx (Euripides) L
HI 3xx (Africa in New England/New England in Africa) H, I
HI 398 (Global Histories of Food) H, I
HI 2xx (South Africa, Ambivalent Nation) H, I
HI 1xx (A History of Modern East Asia) Exp, H, I
HI 3xx (Special Topics in PreModern East Asia) Exp, H, I
SP 2xx (Aquí Estamos: US Latinx in the 20th and 21st Century) L

II. Field Trip Policy Motion. The revised version of the Field Trip Policy motion that was developed at last week's meeting was split into two separate motions. The first motion addresses field trips that are scheduled to be in conflict with regularly scheduled class meetings of other courses, while the second motion would prohibit required field trips during a college recess (such as spring break).