

Committee on Management of Academic Operation Meeting of 9.29.3014

In attendance: J. Adams, D. Berque, C. Cosby, J. Gropp, K. Kirkpatrick, M. McCoy, A. Puga, J. Stockton

Review of previous minutes. Approved.

1. Discussion of Course Proposals

WS 262. No syllabus provided. Question about prerequisite. Concern about brief description. Proposal to mark it as “pending on receiving syllabus.” Course approved.

WS 342. Course is to be cross-registered with sociology model. Question about the “one course in sociology” pre-requisite. Course approved.

WS 362. Approved with concern about brevity of the description from the student advising perspective.

FILM 321. Topics description. Approved.

HIST 344. Concern about whether HIST courses are getting filled. Comment that HIST tends to work out the rotation for itself. Approved.

Discussion: Questions about whether MAO needs to see the syllabus if it has been taught before. General concern about whether MAO should be meeting to “wave its hands” at course proposals, and by extension, whether MAO should be merging with CAPP. Should MAO be considering staffing and curricular issues?

Proposal for new business to discuss how proposals should be discussed during MAO meetings. Comment that the “stamp of approval” is consistent with similar institutions. Concern that ES courses get discussed more than semester classes. Discussion of whether MAO should address course goals, objectives, and rigor.

2. Discussion of Course Changes

FILM 430. Change to variable credit. Concerns about caps on independent studies in the Film Studies Programs. Approved.

COMM 292. Wants to add .25 credit to .5 and 1. Approved

COMM 491. Upper-level designation. Approved.

3. Changes in the School of Music

SOM wants to move from 1 credit courses to .75. It is an issue of lining up with liberal arts schools broadly on the one hand, and to line up with DPU on the other. Federal vs. DePauw definitions of credit hours are not always in sync. It is a difference between 120 (NASM standard) versus 160 credit hours that we would have ended up with. .75 course credit for SOM students lines up well. Previously we weren't allowed to have .75 courses, but we often transfer in .75 courses. The .75 time fulfills the national definition.

However, we need to keep our eye on the difference. HLC needs to know that it is credit that students are already earning. The .75 credit helps transfers bilaterally. Transfers from CLA to SOM are very rare, but they happen. MAO needs to agree to these changes in principle for CAPP to approve. CAPP will ask the faculty to table it or not. Motion for 1 credit to .75 is approved, in principle.

4. Coordinating Committees.

Brian Howard is the chair of Library Advisory Committee.

Advising Committee: 4 nominations have come in. MAO needs to pick 3 faculty spots and a MAO representative. Recommendation to pick non-term colleagues who have been advisors.

Regarding the nomination of a MAO representative, discussion about the appropriateness of nominating a student representative and/or the Registrar.

Adjournment.