

**MINUTES OF THE COLS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
*22 January 2007*

The meeting was called to order by chair, Simon Sibelman, at 1:00 PM. The minutes from the meeting of November 16, 2006 were approved as distributed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Proposals that had been tabled at the last meeting [**Interdisciplinary 351, 352, 353**] have been tabled again. Despite a rationale that had been provided, questions persist among committee members about the individual in an academic department ultimately accountable for the running of these courses. There also remained some issues surrounding the language in which the proposals were written. The Committee would like someone to be present at a future meeting to address in person these remaining questions.

1. INTRDSCP 351: Special Topics: Fine Arts – new course
2. INTRDSCP 352: Special Topics: Humanities – new course
3. INTRDSCP 353: Special Topics: Math/Science – new course

The Committee also revisited its discussions on the “problems” with PBIS courses and recent messages between the Dean’s and Registrar’s Offices. The Committee would like to hold a special meeting when this issue could be appropriately evaluated. The Chair will send to all Committee members the original Blue Sheets for the PBIS Proposal and will set up a meeting of the Committee with Dean John Koker and members from the Registrar’s Office and Advisement.

**NEW BUSINESS** (agenda items listed after notes below)

The Committee passed Agenda Items 2-23. In items 11 and 12, for the sake of clarity the Committee suggested the addition of the following language to the proposal: “*Course repeatable once if topics are different.*” The amended language was deemed acceptable.

Item 1, *Interdisciplinary 354*, on the agenda was **tabled** due to the reasons the other courses in this area were previously tabled and were tabled again under Old Business. We hope someone will attend a future meeting to respond to our concerns.

Item 24, *Articulation Agreement with the College of Menominee Nation*, was unanimously **rejected** by the Committee. There was no one present to represent this agenda item, and members of the committee had the following questions:

1. Who had conducted the articulation between UW Oshkosh COLS and the College of Menominee Nation?
2. Was there absolute certainty that all equivalencies had been verified?
3. Had departments been consulted to assure equivalencies were valid?
4. What were the meaning of areas where there were blanks on one side and an equivalency drawn on the other?
5. How will waivers be written? What office in the COLS will have the responsibility for these waivers?

The Committee would like a representative to come to a future meeting so these questions might be addressed.

Item 25, *Religious Studies 381*, was **tabled** by the Committee. Though we have no objections to the course and view it as a logical and essential addition to the curriculum, we have suggested that Dr. Jeffrey Kaplan revise his existing course (*Religious Studies 380*) and alter its title in order to differentiate that class from this new proposal. We have suggested he submit those changes along with this tabled measure so the two may be passed as a package.

1. INTRDSCP 354: Special Topics: Social Science – new course
2. CHINESE 110: Introduction to Chinese I – new course
3. Master of Arts Program in English – change degree requirements
4. Master of Arts Program in English – change bulletin language
5. Biology and Microbiology Majors: Cell and Molecular Emphasis – replace CHEM 305 with CHEM 303
6. Biology and Microbiology Majors: Cell and Molecular Emphasis – add CHEM 305 to electives
7. Biology Major: Ecology and Organismal Emphasis – add BIOLOGY 326, 376 and 386 to electives
8. PHYS SCI 501: Waves and Fields for Teachers – new course
9. PHYS SCI 505: Optics for Teachers – new course
10. PHYS SCI 510: Classical Mechanics for Teachers – new course
11. ENV STDS 390: Special Topics – credits change
12. ENV STDS 391: Special Topics in Environmental Science – new course
13. ENV STDS: Field Studies in Environmental Science – new course
14. Environmental Studies Major – add ENV STDS 391 and ENV STDS 396 to electives
15. Environmental Studies Major – add ENV STDS 375 to electives
16. WOM STDS 105/SOC WORK 105: Social Work Ethics in a Diverse Society – cross list existing course; description and prerequisites changes
17. WOM STDS 347/COMM 347: Race, Class, Gender in American Film – prerequisites change
18. PSYCH 470: Research in Psychology – new course
19. Psychology Major & Psychology Minor: Secondary Education Emphasis – add PSYCH 470 to electives
20. Psychology Graduate Plan: Experimental and Industrial/Organizational Emphases – remove PSYCH 722 as requirement
21. Psychology Graduate Plan: Industrial/Organizational Emphasis – add PSYCH 799 as requirement
22. Psychology Graduate Plan: Industrial/Organizational Emphasis – add PSYCH 705 as requirement
23. International Studies Major: European Studies Emphasis; European Studies Minor – add POL SCI 301
24. Articulation Agreement with the College of Menominee Nation
25. RELSTDS 381: Terrorism and Religious Violence – new course

Before concluding business, the Committee determined that the only time members happen to have free for meeting this semester will be Friday afternoons at 3:00 PM. Before firmly selecting that time, the Chair will review other possibilities and report back to committee members. The Committee would also like to request that materials for our consideration be posted on-line more than three days before meetings. This may require setting a deadline for proposals to reach Barb Christensen's desk. If anything were to be received after that date, it would be placed on the committee's next meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Simon P. Sibelman,  
Chair