

## Curriculum Committee Minutes

### 21 September 2006

The first meeting of the 2006-07 academic year was called to order at 3:00 PM by convener Wing Huen.

In attendance were: *Heike Alberts, Stephen Bentivenga, Wing Huen, Miles Maguire* and *Simon Sibelman*. Absent from this meeting were: *Todd Borgerding* and *Frances Rauscher*.

The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of 21 April 2006.

The election of a chair for this year was the next order of business. Simon Sibelman was unanimously elected.

### New Business

The committee reviewed twenty eight proposals and took the following action:

#### ***Proposals Passed***

1. CHEM 303: Biochemistry: Clinical Emphasis – title, description and prerequisites changes
2. CHEM 304: Biochemistry Laboratory – title, description and prerequisites changes
3. MATH 720: Combinatorial Mathematics – credits change
4. Mathematics Education (Graduate Program) – change language in “Other Requirements”
5. Journalism – update descriptions and course list of non-journalism requirement for accrediting standards
6. ARAPAHO 210: Intermediate Arapaho Language I – new course
7. ENGLISH 103: Informational Research Methods Lab: Humanities – new course
8. PSYCH 203: Elementary Psychological Statistics – description change involving seats for psychology majors
9. Biology/Microbiology Graduate Program – change admission requirements
10. WOM STDS 435: Women’s Studies Senior Seminar – prerequisites change
11. Sociology Major – change in electives (317, 327 and 368 to count)
12. SOC WORK 340, 368, 376, 377, 378, 379, 395, 401, 410, 451, & 468 – prerequisites wording changes
13. International Studies Major: Global & National Security Emphasis – create new emphasis
14. International Studies Major – add MIL SCI 304 to Course List 2
15. International Studies Major – add HISTORY 395 to Course List 2
16. International Studies Major – add HISTORY 413 to Course List 2
17. International Studies Major – add HISTORY 447 to Course List 2
18. International Studies: European Studies Emphasis – add HISTORY 448 to Course Lists 2 & 3
19. International Studies – add GEOG 377/577 to Course List 2
20. HISTORY 790: Special Topics: Optional Content – make repeatable and title change
21. HISTORY 326 (formerly 342): American Environmental History – number and description changes; also cross list with Environmental Studies
22. ENV STDS 326: American Environmental History – cross list with History
23. Environmental Studies Major – add ENV STDS 326 to list of electives

24. ENV STDS 490: Environmental Studies Senior Seminar – prerequisites change
25. CRIM JUS 281: Elementary Statistics in Criminal Justice Research – prerequisites change

The Chemistry Department has temporarily withdrawn **Chemistry 305** (Agenda Point 3).

### ***Proposals Tabled***

#### **4- Mathematics 348/548**

The Committee had a number of questions about the syllabus that had been submitted. It appeared vague, course objectives not seeming clearly articulated. There was also a questions of precisely how the requirements for graduate students would be integrated into the syllabus. The Committee strongly urges the department to rewrite the syllabus, resubmit the proposal and make certain that a departmental representative be present to answer any questions.

#### **10- Art 481**

The Committee found the new language as vague as the original course description. We were especially concerned about the following phrase: “*that are outside the scope of our regular course offerings.*” We were uncertain what the department meant by this. How, too, would this course differ from an independent study? Why, for an upper-level seminar, are there variable (1-3) credits for this class? These issues may be easily explained if the department could have a representative present.

### **Other Business**

#### ***Meeting Times***

Committee members determined that Thursday afternoons at 3:00 PM represent the best times for meetings during the fall semester.

#### ***APC Representative***

Todd Borgerding was selected to serve as APC Representative.

The meeting concluded at 4:30 PM.

Submitted by Simon Sibelman, Chair