

Social Science Division
College of Letters and Science
Minutes of Meeting #7 (March 29, 2007)
N/E 107 at 1:30PM

Members:	John Cross	COLS Associate Dean	NE101	1442
	Kazimierz Zaniewski	Geography & Urban Planning	HS330	7112
	Franca Barricelli	History	CF323	7159
	Kenneth Grieb	International Studies	P58	1291
	Jeff Arquette	Military Science	K145	3400
	James Simmons	Political Science	CF425	3456
	James Koch	Psychology	CF20	2303
	Susan Reed	Public Affairs	CF406	7094
	Jeffrey Behm	Religious Studies/Anthropology	H303	1365
	Quintin Sullivan	Social Work	CF329	1419
	Gerard Grzyb	Sociology	SW317	2030
	Helen Bannan	Women's Studies	AC314	0892

Present: Cross, Bannan, Barricelli, Behm, Grzyb, Koch, Simmons, Sullivan, Zaniewski

1. Meeting was called to order by Grzyb at 1:35PM.
2. Minutes of meeting #6 (March 6, 2007) were approved unanimously (Sullivan/Behm).
3. Zaniewski presented a course revision proposal for GEOG 342: Meteorology (increase from 3 to 4 credits) for discussion and approval. This course has been dormant for nearly fifteen years, during which time technology and the availability of meteorological data has completely transformed the field. The course is being resurrected with the addition of a laboratory component by a new staff member in the Geography department. Approved unanimously (Koch/Behm).
4. Behm/Sullivan moved to consider two proposals from Sociology as a package. Grzyb presented course revision proposals for discussion and approval: SOC 407: Special Topics in Sociology (change to course description: with different subtitles, no limit to the number of times a student can take it) and SOC 474: Honors Thesis (variable credits: 1-6). Approved unanimously.
5. Two guests from Career Counseling, Jaime Page-Stadler and Jodi Carlson, presented a new, 1-credit course proposal in INTRDSCP 203: Professional Skills in Business. Currently being offered in the College of Business, this course is of potential interest in helping COLS students prepare for the job market (considering such factors as resumé preparation, job letters, interview skills, etc.). Sullivan/Koch moved for discussion and approval of the proposal. Several members of the division expressed concerns about granting one credit of academic credit for a non-academic course. Behm/Grzyb moved to emend the motion to consider INTRDSCP 203 a zero-credit, required course, admonishing Career Services staff to seek approval and/or inclusion in degree requirements department by department. With a friendly revision of the course title to "Professional Career Skills" (Bannan), emendation passed unanimously, as did the new course proposal.
6. Linda Eroh from APGES presented initial working drafts of definitions and criteria for those areas of General Education that fall within the purview of our division for our suggestions and emendations. Simmons circulated a revised draft for the definition of "Social Science." Behm and Barricelli agreed to work on the draft for "Non-Western Culture," while Cross will work on that for "Ethnic Studies." Division members agreed to refine these drafts over the next two weeks and bring revisions to the next division meeting for consideration and approval.

7. Cross relayed a concern raised by the Math/Science division regarding inconsistencies in Statistics courses within the Social Science division: of the four departments offering Statistics within our division, half of them count for Social Science and half do not (while all of them count for Math). No action was requested or required.
8. Cross announced the next meeting of the Social Science Division on Thursday, 12 April 2007.
9. Meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 2:56 PM.

Guest Recording Secretary: Franca Barricelli