

MINUTES OF EPC MEETING:

APRIL 11, 2007

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MAY 9, 2007__

SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED TO ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED BY ACADEMIC SENATE

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Morgan (Chair), A. Akers, R. Horowitz, R. Cohen, N. Stiles, D. Schwartz, V. Covrig., L. Lampert, C. Rawitch

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Rodriguez, H. Hertzog

GUESTS PRESENT: G. Truex, J. Broussard, C. Magra, H. Cox, J. Laity, E. Weiss, D. Danta, A. Hussey, G. Lin, M. Kabo, E. Hekkers, V. Pedone, A. Eaton, R. Fischbach, T. Williams-Leon, K. Kearns

STAFF: G. Mena

I. Announcements

- A. The 2007/2008 EPC Meeting Schedule and the Fall 2007 curriculum deadlines were circulated. [\[Attachment IA\]](#)
- B. S. Morgan (Chair) announced the Add/Drop item will be reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee on April 26, 2007.

II. Business

- A. The February 21, 2007 minutes **were approved**.
- B. The Plan-R Related CSBS Curricula **were approved** for Fall 2007 implementation. [\[Attachment IIB\]](#)
 - 1. Geog 311/L: c -16 new e-copy
 - 2. Geog 366/L c-16
 - 3. Geog 365
- C. The regular CSBS Curricula **were approved** for Fall 2007 implementation. [\[Attachment IIC\]](#)
- D. Two Course Modifications **were approved** from the College of Business and Economics.
 - 1. SCM 416
 - 2. SOM 416
- E. The second group of CECS Curricula was approved. See [\[attachment IIE\]](#).
- F. GE Recertification Subcommittee Update: D. Schwartz reported again that there will be an additional meeting on May 16 in order to complete the recertification of the Basic Subject courses during Spring 2007.

EPC discussed how to handle MATH 131, a GE course that is undergoing significant revision and therefore is not included into the Spring 2007 recertification process.

The following motion was approved: **MATH 131 must be recertified during Spring 2008.**

G. EPC did not make a motion on the reinstatement of inactive courses issue. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

[\[Attachment IA\]](#)

Fall 2007 circulation dates

Monday , July 23

Initial circulation of hard copies of Curriculum Proposals to Associate Deans, EPC Chair, Undergraduate Studies, the Library, the Credential Program Office and the Director of Admissions and Records. Note: The Undergraduate Studies office receives one hard copy (mc 8203), and one emailed copy to the EPC Recording Secretary.

August 9 On or about August 9 the EPC Chair shall convene a meeting of Associate Deans and a representative from Undergraduate Studies to review the circulated proposals.

Wednesday, September 5

Circulation to EPC of revised Curriculum Proposals.

Note: The Undergraduate Studies office receives one hard copy (mc 8203), and 1 emailed copy to the EPC Recording Secretary

Monday, September 12

Circulation to EPC of New and Previously Approved Experimental Topics Courses (196, 296, 396, 496).

Note: include number of times and dates previously offered for Previously Approved Experimental Topics courses.

(For example: WS XXX previously offered 3 times: S/98; S/99; F/01. The Office of Undergraduate Studies receives one hard copy (mc 8203), and emailed copy to the EPC Recording Secretary.

Fall 2007 EPC Meetings

Sept 12, 26

October 10, 24

November 14, 28

Spring 2008

Jan 30

Feb 13, 27

March 12, 26

April 9, 23

May 7

[Attachment IIB]

Summary and Explanation of Geography Curriculum Proposals

Under the provisions of General Education Plan R, Natural Sciences, students must complete 8 units comprised of two 3-unit lecture and two 1-unit associated lab courses. Students must also complete 9 units of upper division GE course work.

This new requirement effectively eliminates student demand for courses that currently do not have an associated lab course. This semester in the Department of Geography, enrollments in lower division GE science courses with labs (Geog. 101/102, and Geog. 103/105) have remained on par with previous semesters; however, we have seen dramatic drops in our upper division courses that do not currently have labs, in particular Geog. 311 and Geog. 366. We are very concerned with this development and the implications for long-term scheduling, staffing, and overall enrollment that it portends.

Our proposed solution to the problem is to create labs for Geog. 311 and Geog. 366; furthermore, we propose adding one unit to Geog. 365/L, which already has a lab but needs to be a 4-unit class to be effective for students. Since these courses already exist and are already in General Education, the proposals are being put forward as course modifications. We are fully aware that there currently is a moratorium on all changes to GE pending recertification of the several sections. We feel, though, that immediate action on these proposals is called for given the dire need for the changes to be made; waiting another year or two would effectively eliminate these courses from our curriculum, and with them the faculty who currently teach them. We therefore request that exceptions be made in the curriculum cycle to allow these course modifications to go through on a fast track basis.

[Attachment IIC]

Date: February 1, 2007
To: Shannon Morgan, Chair
Educational Policies Committee
From: Greg Truex, Associate Dean
Subject: New Course Proposals for Spring 2007 Cycle

I am submitting three *revised* New Course Proposals from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for consideration by the Educational Policies Committee. They are:

- Anthropology 353, The Maya: Ancient and Modern.
- History 479A, United States Economic History to 1865.
- History 469W, The Atlantic World.

These proposals have been reviewed and passed by the Academic Planning Committee of the College.

Thank you.

Cc: Greg Mena
Associate Deans

[Attachment IIE]

Date: February 12, 2007
To: Educational Policies Committee
Associate Deans
From: J. Michael Kabo
Associate Dean
Subject: **Addition to previously-submitted curriculum package**

We request consideration by EPC of the following curriculum during Spring 2007 along with the curriculum previously submitted by the College. All courses have been approved by the Academic Affairs committee of the College. We are also requesting early implementation for Fall 2007 so that these changes can be in place for our ABET accreditation review scheduled for Fall 2007.

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Request to modify major prerequisites on a fast-track for Fall 2007 implementation and reporting to ABET.

Summary statement

Goal: Simplify understanding of prerequisite structure to transition from 200 level COMP courses to 300 level COMP courses and to insure that students complete the 200 level requirements in a timely fashion.

COMP 310 - change prerequisites from: MATH 326 and PHIL 230 to: COMP 232, MATH 326 and PHIL 230

COMP 322/L - change prerequisites from: COMP 222 and 282 to: COMP 222
(the corequisite of COMP 322L and recommended prerequisites of COMP 105C or knowledge of "C" language remain unchanged)

COMP 380/L change prerequisites from: COMP (222 or 232) and (282 or 270/L) to: COMP 282 or 270/L (the corequisite of COMP 380L remains unchanged)

This change creates a clean transition for computer science majors of:

COMP 222 to COMP 322/L
COMP 232 to COMP 310
COMP 282 to COMP 380/L

Instead of the current transition of:

COMP 222 and 282 to COMP 322/L
COMP 232 or 282 to COMP 380/L
No COMP courses required prior to COMP 310

Which also left COMP 232 as a potential dangling requirement that some students did not complete until well into their 400 level requirements.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ME494A,B,C. – Academic Internship (1, 2, 3 units)

Changing basis of grading from credit/no credit only to letter grade only.