

University of San Diego Core Curriculum Committee
Minutes for meeting Oct. 18, 2013

Attendance: Tom Dalton (SBA), Jennifer Gorsky (Math), Cecily Heisser (History), Julia Medina (Langs & Lit), Atreyee Phukan (chair, English), Adam Siepielski (Biology), David Sullivan (Comm. Studies)

Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

I. Announcements

Carol Huston briefed the committee on CCC membership issues. Including the need for the Acting Provost to make current members official appointments. She also advised the committee on potential changes to the Core Curriculum that may affect the committee's charge and work in the future.

The committee explored the efficacy of developing model "W" and "D" proposals, and then making them available to faculty to help clarify the proposal process and proposal guidelines. The committee agreed that these sample proposals could be developed this semester.

II. Updates

POLS 302W and POLS 374W proposals were resubmitted with additional assignment details. POLS 374W has conditional approval; the POLS 302W proposal is on the meeting agenda.

ARTH 345, previously approved as a "W" course, is cross listed with ARCH 330 to serve the new Architecture major. As cross-listed courses both will satisfy the "W" Core requirement.

III. "W" Course Proposals

COMM 483W was approved, 7-0. It was noted that no formal vote was included in the proposal; a confirmation of department approval would be sought by email.

MGMT 494W was approved, 7-0; the proposal and course syllabus were revised to include a written assignments rubric and further clarification about the courses written assignments. [Subsequently, we are informed that the course number is changed to MGMT 311].

PHYS 481W was approved, 7-0; proposal had been resubmitted to include writing goals for the course, a revised rubric for assessing written assignments, a more specific articulation of the schedule for the "W" assignments.

POLS 302W was approved provisionally, 7-0; it stands approved for the Spring 2014,

but would need to resubmitted and approved for inclusion in future course schedules. Committee concerns include how much of the course grade is “W” related (30%) and the limited amount of class time scheduled for “W” assignment activity.

POLS 444W was approved, 7-0. Committee concerns include the formulaic nature of the proposal because it overlaps substantially in content with the proposal for POLS 302W; the question then becomes whether the proposal language and assignment expectations differ between 300- and 400-level courses.

ENGL 225 was approved, 6-0.

SOCI 315 was approved, 6-0.

IV. “D” Course Proposals

ENGL 225D was approved, 6-0; and ENGL 374D was approved, 6-0. These course proposals were resubmitted to broaden the list of ethnic American literatures studied so that a “D” designation would be central to the courses. Each ENGL 225 course, for example, would need to go through the “D” proposal process to secure the “D” designation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Sullivan