

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
MEETING NO. 361, 21 APRIL 2005
VENTRESS HALL**

Present: Dr. Glenn Hopkins (Dean), Professor Jan Murray (Associate Dean), Dr. Holly Reynolds (Assistant Dean), Dr. Charles Ross (African American Studies), Major Mildon for LTC Kevin Petesch (Aerospace Studies), Dr. Nancy Wicker (Art), Dr. Murray Nabors (Biology), Dr. Charles Hussey (Chemistry), Dr. Mark van Boening (Economics), Dr. Joseph Urgo (English), Dr. Mary Carruth (Gender Studies), Dr. Bob Haws (History), Dr. Katsuaki Terasawa for Dr. Michael Metcalf (International Studies), Dr. Samir Husni (Journalism), Dr. Tristan Denley (Mathematics), Lt. Col. Joseph Blackburn (Military Science), Dr. Donald Dyer for Dr. Scotty Hargrove (Modern Languages), Dr. Steve Brown (Music), Dr. Michael Harrington (Philosophy and Religion), Dr. Rich Forgette (Political Science), Dr. Michael Allen (Psychology), Dr. Charles Wilson (Southern Studies), Dr. Scott McCoy (Theatre Arts), and Dr. Fred Laurenzo (Category II representative). Mrs. Betty Puckett and Ms. Stacy Raycraft were also present.

Absent: Dr. Ronald Vernon (Associate Dean), Dr. Aileen Ajootian (Classics), Conrad Cunningham (Computer Science), Dr. R. P. Major (Geology), Dr. Tom Marshall (Physics), Captain Tim Howington (Naval Science), Dr. David Swanson (Sociology/Anthropology), Dr. Lucien Cremaldi (Category I representative), and Dr. Tim Nordstrom (Category III representative)

The following course additions, changes, and deletions were approved by the committee.

ENGLISH

ADD: ENGL 454. STUDIES IN GOTHIC LITERATURE. Content varies. (3).

ADD: ENGL 324. THE BLUES TRADITION IN AMERICAN LITERATURE. This course will examine how writers have translated the oral culture and social milieu of blues musicians into a range of literary forms, including epigrams, poems, stories, novels, plays, folkloric interviews, and autobiographies. (3).

HISTORY

ADD: HIS 391. LATIN AMERICA AND THE COLD WAR. This course examines the history of Latin America's place in the Cold War (1947-1991). Case studies will be used to understand the extent of the Communist threat and the logic of U.S. overt and covert intervention in the region. (3).

JOURNALISM

ADD: JOUR 403. ADVANCED PHOTOJOURNALISM. This course aims to introduce and master the advanced techniques and tools of a professional photographer. It enhances the ability to generate journalistic ideas, conduct research and write story proposals. Prerequisite: JOUR 375. (3)

CHANGE: JOUR 391. PUBLIC RELATIONS. Basic problems in public relations; publicity and development in the community, industry, and government. (3).

TO: JOUR 391. PUBLIC RELATIONS. ~~Basic problems in public relations; publicity and development in the community, industry, and government.~~ An introduction to the skills, theories, techniques, ethics and goals of the public relations profession, emphasizing the role and importance of journalism skills in public relations communications. Prerequisite: JOUR 102 (3).

MODERN LANGUAGES

ADD: **CHIN 215. CHINESE PRACTICUM I.** This course provides students with communication opportunities in China. Prerequisite: CHIN 212. (5).

ADD: **CHIN 315. CHINESE PRACTICUM II.** This course is a practicum in Chinese society and culture through the use of Chinese language in China. Prerequisite: CHIN 312. (5).

II. OTHER CATALOG CHANGES

On page 129 of the 2005-2006 Undergraduate Catalog:

CHANGE: "A student who is absent from the entire first week of a class may be dropped from that class by the dean of the school or college with responsibility for the course."

TO: "Students must attend the first meeting of every course for which they are registered, unless they obtain prior departmental approval. Without such approval, a student who is absent from the first class meeting may be dropped from that class by the dean of the school or college with the responsibility for the course."

III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Ms. Stacy Raycraft from Student Disabilities addressed the committee on the issue of accommodations for alternative testing environment and extended test time for students with disabilities. The committee members commented on a number of concerns among the faculty regarding testing of students with disabilities.
2. Assistant Dean Reynolds made the following announcements
 - a. Transfer student orientation during the summer will be June 10 & 24 and August 18.
 - b. Liberal Arts teaching award nominations are due Friday, April 22.
 - c. All College faculty are encouraged to attend commencement ceremonies.
3. Dean Hopkins made the following announcements
 - a. The commencement speaker for 2005 will be David Halberstam.
 - b. The chairs will be called together during the summer to talk about various matters in the College.
 - c. Department chairs were reminded that review of untenured and tenured faculty must be completed by May 1. The Chairs are to send Dean Hopkins their written evaluations of each faculty member prior to meeting with Dean Hopkins.
 - d. He thanked the department chairs for submitting the 5-year plans. The review of those documents continues.