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UCC Voting: Annette Daoud, Dawn Formo, Gabriela Sonntag, Richelle Swan, Olaf Hansen

Excused: Robert Aboolian, Kara Witzke

Ex officio: Virginia Mann

- 1) We approved the minutes from the February 4. meeting.
- 2) UCC did not get any reponse until now to the letter we sent to: John Chang, Marcos Martinez, Robert Yamashita.
- 3) We reviewed the course proposal for LTWR415. From the attached emails it became clear that Film Studies, History, and Global Studies supported the new course. UCC approved the course pending the addition of the Global Studies Minor to item 21.
- 4) We started to discuss the five newly proposed courses from the Communication Department: COMM402, COMM426, COMM456, COMM 460, and COMM485. When UCC looked at the 5 newly proposed 400 level classes, UCC also looked the existing 300 and 400 level classes. Most of these classes have no prerequisites. UCC was wondering which path a freshman will take in the Communication Major. For example, it might happen that a student cannot take COMM100 in their first year, can the freshman then start immediately with COMM402, COMM460 and COMM485? This appears possible with the current prerequisite structure. UCC will ask the Communication department to submit us their roadmap for incoming freshmen and we will encourage the Communication department to create a prerequisite structure for their courses which will provide more guidance to students.
 - a) COMM402, here we recommend that the recommended prerequisites become prerequisites. We also will ask the Philosophy department for a signature.
 - b) COMM426, in the course description a comma should be added to the prerequisites, so it becomes clear that all three courses are an option.
 - c) COMM456, in the course description the second referral to 'theories of leadership' might be omitted. Again we would encourage the Communications department to make COMM330 a prerequisite. The two last SLOs in the syllabus seem to be more related to course content, an email will be sent to the originator to revise these SLOs and to take to take a look at the syllabus recommendations at the GE website.
 - d) COMM460, in item 14 nothing is checked. The word 'Focus' in the last sentence of the course description should be 'Focuses'.
 - e) COMM485, here we will ask the department of World Languages and Hispanic Literature for a signature.

Olaf Hansen