

Present:

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1. We approved the minutes from our April 28 meeting.
2. We discussed the answer from Scott Greenwood. So JAPN301 and JAPN302 will be added to the course list for Global Studies Major. Furthermore SOC307 was added to the list of classes for "Gender in Global Perspective" area. One UCC member proposed to add also the class WMST416 Sex Work which addresses the global nature of the sex industry. UCC will recommend to Don Barrett to submit a C2-Form for SOC307 to emphasize the global context of this class.
3. The UCC year-end report was presented to the UCC members.
4. UCC had a short discussion about the meeting room for next year. It was not clear to UCC why the committee should not meet in the current room Mark421 for the next year. Olaf Hansen proposed to bring this problem to the EC next year and then this might be an item for the senate agenda.
5. UCC continued the review of the Border Studies Option in Liberal Studies.
 - 5.1. In the last update of the P-Form the units for the capstone class BRS499 were corrected to 1-3. This lead to the fact that the catalog description now shows 3-5 units for the capstone class and a footnote saying that BRS499 has to be taken in connection with BRS400 or BRS490. It appeared to UCC that the purpose was to enforce at least three units, but the purpose of the footnote was not clear to UCC. UCC will ask the originator if the substitution of BRS499C (the 3 unit version) instead of BRS499 will fix this problem, then no footnote will be required.
 - 5.2. Some courses in the catalog description and in item 7 of the Form have wrong titles: LING305, PSCI339, and PSCI460 and SOC420.
 - 5.3. The class SOC488 has 2-4 units, this will change the number of units for Upper Division Electives to 20-27, and the units for he Major Requirements to 38-46.
 - 5.4. UCC started to discuss again how the new option will fit together with the existing options in the Liberal Studies Major: Elementary Subject Matter Preparation (ESMP) and Integrated Credential Program (ICP). Large parts of the catalog description for the Liberal Studies Major describe the use of the program for a career in elementary school teaching. It is also mentioned that Liberal Studies Programs prepare students for the passage of the CSET. Both of the existing options build on the preparation for the Major (42 units) described in the catalog. The new option will not have this preparation in common with the two existing options. So students will not be able to easily switch from the Border Studies Option to the ICP option (for example). One UCC member pointed out that Liberal Studies Programs in California are usually connected to teacher preparation. Originally UCC thought that a sentence added to the new option in the catalog will be enough to clarify this difference to students. But after the discussions this morning UCC came to the conclusion that more is necessary to clarify this distinction. UCC supports the idea to have a Border Studies program/option, but UCC proposes that the originator might think about different possibilities to offer the program:

5.4.1. Maybe it is possible to offer Border Studies as a Minor?

5.4.2. Add it as an option to Social Sciences Major?

5.4.3. Change the current catalog description to address the new option better.

All of these options will require a discussion within the faculty of Liberal Studies. The option 5.4.3 will still have the disadvantage that a non teaching related option would be housed in the Liberal Studies program.

Olaf Hansen