Minutes UCC 9/15/08

Present:

UCC Voting: Robert Aboolian, Judith Downie, Yi Sun, Olaf Hansen

Ex officio: David Barsky, Virginia Mann, Brittany Russo

Excused: Delores Lindsey

1. We discussed the wording for the prerequisite for the courses SPAN102 and SPAN201, UCC was again unable to determine exactly what the department of World Languages and Hispanic Literatures would like to require from high school students. David Barsky volunteered to meet with Veronica Anover to clarify this, so UCC can bring it to the senate in October.

- 2. We approved the minutes from September 8.
- 3. UCC reviewed the courses or course changes ANTH340, ANTH380, ANTH430, and ANTH470. UCC had a discussion about the reason why students should be able to repeat ANTH430. What are the advantages which a student has by repeating this class? UCC was unclear about this and UCC will ask the originator to provide some explanation. ANTH340, ANTH380, and ANTH70 were approved. During the discussion UCC discovered that the catalog contains the course outline and not the course description for ANTH430 (and other courses which were approved together with the new Anthropology major), David Barsky's office will change this in the next catalog update.
- 4. Olaf Hansen reported about the email conversation with Judy Bauerlein about the course proposals for TA310, TA311, and TA402. Judy Bauerlein agreed to the changes which UCC suggested in the previous week. All three courses were approved by UCC. UCC also decided that a forwarded email from Marcos Martinez to Judy Bauerlein implies that he transferred the authority to decide about the proposed courses to her.
- 5. UCC discussed the P2-Form from Chemistry together with the accompanying course proposals for CHEM150, CHEM150L, CHEM201L, CHEM250L. UCC first discussed if it is appropriate to submit one course proposal for three different programs (Chemistry, Biochemistry and Chemistry Minor). It appeared to the UCC that the P2-Form was initiated by the course changes and it also seemed to simplify the review for UCC. So UCC decided that this is an appropriate way to present this special change to the UCC. UCC followed the arguments of Chemistry department and UCC approved the P2-Form together with the four course proposals. Looking at the arguments for the split of CHEM150 into CHEM150 and CHEM105L UCC had the impression that CHEM150L should have CHEM150 as a "pre/corequisite" and not just as a corequisite. This will allow students to take the class CHEM150 without the laboratory part.
- 6. UCC discussed the course proposal for BIOL326. UCC compared the course to BIOL305 and UCC had the opinion that the course content of BIOL326 is sufficiently far away from BIOL305 to justify a course with this topic. UCC would like to replace the abbreviation "GE" by "genetically engineered" in the course title. UCC will ask the originator for this change and approved the course proposal.
- 7. UCC discussed the course proposal for BIOL401, because the course referred to BIOL212 which is part of UCC packet 7, UCC decided to move this course to packet 7 and discuss it with the other courses in this packet.
- 8. UCC discussed the course proposal for CHEM100/100L. Again UCC followed the

department in their argument about changing from two courses with 3+2 units to two courses with 4+1 units. But then the question arose why the course is renumbered to CHEM105/CHEM105L. UCC recalled that in Spring 2008 the new class CHEM101 was approved which referred to CHEM105 and UCC guessed that the Chemistry department would like to have a sequence of increasing numbers. So the two proposals CHEM101 and CHEM100/L-> CHEM105/L are consistent, but because CHEM100/L is a course taken by Kinesiology and Nursing students the renumbering should be accompanied by P2-Forms from the Kinesiology department and the School of Nursing. UCC decided to wait for these P2-Forms before the proposed change for CHEM100/L is approved to simplify the tracking of these changes. David Barsk will work with the Kinesiology department and the School of Nursing to submit these P2-Forms.

Olaf Hansen