

Present:

UCC Voting: Robert Aboolian, Judith Downie, Jule Gómez de García, Delores Lindsey,
Yi Sun, Olaf Hansen

Ex officio: David Barsky, Virginia Mann

1. We approved the minutes from November 24.
2. Olaf Hansen reported that the Physics department had no objections to CS435. The Human Development department has responded to our email from last week, they are working on an answer to our email.
3. The course changes for BGA501 and BGA502 were approved pending notification of the Economics department (ECON610 has both courses as prerequisites).
4. The course deletions for BA620, BA622, BA623, BA624, BA640, BA644, BA662, BA664, BA669, BA670 were approved.
5. The course deletions for TA303, TA326, TA327 were approved. The courses TA326 and TA327 are used by several other programs, UCC had a short discussion about a process which would guarantee that the course deletions are taken into account during the next catalog update for these programs. David Barsky's office will remind the department chairs about this before the next reconciliation cycle.
6. UCC approved the two new courses CHEM390 and CHEM390L. There was a discussion how CHEM390L is linked to CHEM390 and how students will know that they have to sign up for both classes if CHEM390 and CHEM390L are offered together. But because it is also possible to offer a stand alone CHEM390 or CHEM390L there seems to be no possibility to reflect this in any kind of pre/corequisite relation.
7. UCC approved SOC361. David Barsky explained the historical context of 4 unit classes in Sociology. UCC found out that the term "elective requirement" in item 21 means that the course should be added to the electives under "Requirements for Critical Race Studies Concentration". Also here, department chairs have to remember to update their program descriptions to reflect newly added courses.
8. UCC discussed the course proposal for WMST325. First it was noted that the first sentence in the proposed catalog description essentially repeats the title of the course. When UCC read the attached catalog description in the syllabus UCC thought that a modified version of the second sentence from here would enhance the course description, like: *Explores stories that either present images of strong girls and woman or convey feminist messages about gender roles, women's abilities, or gender politics in specific cultural contexts.* UCC was wondering if the choices of the proposed readings for the course (Africa, Middle East and Central Asia) are connected to the chosen text book, or if there is a different reason for the geographical selection. Connected to this is the question if the course title is appropriate if East Asia is not covered in the course. An email will be sent to the proposer.

Olaf Hansen