

FCCOB Meeting

March 30, 2016, 3:00-4:00pm, ROWE 234

Attendees: D. Burkey, T. Deans, S. Dyson, K. Glines, S. Lesseur, R. McCarthy, D. Ouimette, J. van Neest, S. Renn, F. Weidauer, S. Zinn

I. FCCOB Minutes Approval – *approved*

II. Program Updates

I. Spring 2016 Courses Offered and Enrollments Update

I. We opted not to offer the Foundations of Medicine class again after last semester's pilot. It did not run as anticipated, so isn't approved for future registration unless the course is amended and reapproved.

II. The instructors chosen for this year's FYE Instructor Awards are John Armstrong (UNIV 1800) and Jason Courtmanche (UNIV 1810).

III. This year's Institute for Curricular Innovation conference will take place May 11th. The topic is Teaching Community, with themes of social justice incorporated into the sessions.

III. New Instructor Review

I. The following new instructors were *approved*: Amy Holland (1810 – Engineering), Shelby Halliday (NEAG student), and Sarah Renn (FYP&LC Coordinator).

II. Michelle Pomerantz's application was not reviewed, as more information is needed on her background and motivation for applying.

IV. Course Updates

I. UNIV 1810 Contemporary Issues in Education name change - *approved*

I. Jason Courtmanche proposed to change his course's name from "English for Pre-Education" to "Contemporary Issues in Education."

II. The name change was approved after determining that this new title was more indicative of the content of the course and was initiated due to feedback from NEAG.

V. New UNIV Course Proposal for UICC

I. Transfer Year Experience 3800 - *tabled*

- I. Shawna drafted a Transfer Year Experience 3800 course based on recommendations from Sally Reis.
- II. To start, there will be a 60-person Transfer Living Learning Community, but more sections will be added as needed.
- III. This course will be a shell course, but needs to take into account the different transfer populations.
- IV. Thoughts about the syllabi and course:
 - I. Concerns were voiced about using the same Student Success Guidebook for UNIV 3800 students that is used for UNIV 1800/1810 students.
 - II. The information could be framed as “this is what you’ve missed because you weren’t a freshman here on campus.”
 - III. The introduction to UConn and its Storrs campus, as well as PeopleSoft technical guidance, could be frontloaded in the course. Afterwards, students could compare their experience at other campuses/universities to their experience here.
- V. The Transfer LC Director candidate has been chosen. Dave will hear in the next week whether this candidate accepts the position.
- VI. Decision by FCCOB:
 - I. Table the syllabi for now until the new Transfer LC Director can have direct input into it.
 - II. Once the syllabi has been amended based on the Director’s input, Shawna will email it to the FCCOB members for their comments and an electronic vote.
 - III. Based on both Director and FCCOB feedback, a new syllabi will be submitted to the UICC as soon as possible.

VI. New 1820 Course Review

- I. Presidential Election 2016: Politics, Policy, and America’s Future (President Herbst and Richard Orr) – *approved*
- II. Upcoming Reviews were noted:
 - I. Ally Training Across Identities (V. Cabrera) – Cabrera is creating this course to fulfill her HESA requirement, but will not be teaching it. FCCOB declined to review the course unless an instructor is found.

- II. Humanities Institute (C. Johnson) – more information will be forthcoming.
- III. Honors LLC (A. Hopkins) – FCCOB requested to receive something in writing from the Honors' Council stating that they are alright with the course coming through FCCOB rather than them.
- IV. Sports Broadcasting (J. Vampatella) – He has been affiliated with UConn for a number of years, but isn't an employee here, nor does he have a terminal degree in the subject. FCCOB recommended that his draft proposal be reviewed by the following departments: Sports Management, Kinesiology, Communication/Journalism. Becca Herman may be an appropriate co-instructor.

VII. New 3820 Course Review

- I. Switching Leadership LC course (Joe Briody) from EPSY to UNIV 3820 – *approved*
 - I. Request to make the Leadership LC course a UNIV 3820 was approved after it was determined that NEAG and EPSY supported the change.

VIII. Future Items

- I. 2-year certificate for participating in a Learning Community
 - I. FCCOB recommended that the curricular requirements for the certificate be flexible, so that students can meet LC requirements as well as those for their major.
 - II. There is a question as to which UConn bodies would need to approve this certificate.
- II. The following items will be discussed in the April meeting: new 1800 instructor reviews, new 1820 and 3820 fall courses, summer approvals, and FCCOB terms.
- III. Next meeting: April 25th at 11:00am