

Baccalaureate Core Committee

May 16, 2018

Minutes

Voting members present: Pat Ball (via phone), Nancy Barbour, Isabelle Brock, Filix Maisch, Bob Paasch, Dana Sanchez, Inara Scott, Bill Smyth, Rorie Spill Solberg

Voting members absent: Natalie Dollar, McKenzie Huber, Weihong Qiu

Ex-Officio members present: Academic Affairs – Heath Henry, WIC Director – Vicki Tolar Burton

1. Category II Proposals

- No Discussion Needed
 - FES 486/586 (WIC)
 - Approved
- Discussion Needed
 - SOIL 395
 - Verbatim statements are required
 - Many of the questions were left largely unanswered and had to be sent back for revisions
 - The course is a Science/Tech/Soc (STS) course and the requested change is to make it a WIC course, in addition to STS
 - Do they have to worry about the 1250 word requirement for STS in addition to the 2,000 words required by WIC?
 - The committee noticed that the writing component for the course was actually very large at around 7,000 words.
 - Is that too much for students who are looking to fill their general education requirement?
 - They meet the three of the outcomes but they don't seem to meet the multi-disciplinary requirement
 - It was discussed that students cannot meet both their STS and WIC requirement at the same time with this course; they have to pick which requirement they will be meeting.
 - It was discussed that there are 8 other courses that are both STS and WIC so it is not unheard of for a class to have both.
 - How STS outcomes are assessed is not discussed in the syllabus, but the WIC matrix is there.
 - It looks as if they added the WIC requirements to an existing syllabus without making any other changes. This means there are differences in formatting and is not consistent.
 - Approve with suggestions for changes to make the syllabus easier for students to read and more consistent. Warn the originator that making the course a WIC could limit enrollment. STS and WIC also serve different purposes.

2. Volunteers Needed

- Summer Cat II reviews
 - To help alleviate the backlog that is usually present when the new chairs take over
 - Filix Maisch, Dana Sanchez, Rorie Solberg volunteer
 - Please contact the chair if you would like to volunteer

3. Schedule for Spring Term

- May 23 – Keep this meeting for now, but it may be cancelled depending on workload.
- May 30 – Neither chair is available, this session will be cancelled
- June 6 – This session will be cancelled
- June 13 – Keep this meeting, final reviews and business will be wrapped up at this meeting.

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