**HSS Curriculum Committee (HSSCC)**

**Minutes 26 January 2016**

**Location: SO 3020**

**In attendance:**

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| [x]  Katarina Gephardt (ENGL) | [x]  Christopher Randall (PSYC) | [x]  Matt Mitchelson (GEOG/ANTH) |
| [x]  Kim Haines-Korn (DWMA) | [x]  Chris Pallas (POLS/IA) –  | [x]  Ryan Ronnenberg (HIST) |
| [x]  Pauline Howes (COMM) | [ ]  Chris Palmer (ENGL) | [x]  Linda Treiber (SOC/CJ), Chair |
| [x]  Chien-pin Li (Dean’s Office) | [x]  Federica Santini (FL) | [x]  Griselda Thomas (ISD) |

Also in attendance as presenters/guests: Sergio Figuereido (ENG), Jeff Greene (DWMA), Rebecca Hill (AMST/ISD), Laura McGrath (ENG), Laura Palmer (DWMA), Pete Robaraugh (DWMA)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Treiber at 12:32

**Review of Minutes from previous meeting (Jan. 12). Minutes approved unanimously.**

**Dr. Treiber illustrated the agenda for the currently scheduled online meeting. There was a brief discussion of EURO courses, which are USG online courses within a pre-existing certificate. All questions regarding this proposal should go to Dr. Tom Doleys. Committee members should review all proposals and vote by Feb. 1st.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Department of Foreign Languages**

Brief explanation of departmental outcomes, which are departmental and follow ACTFL. Program and course were approved on second reading.

1. **Department of Digital Writing and Media Arts (Continued review of items from 12 January meeting):**

Dr. Laura Palmer, Chair of DWMA and in attendance as a guest, presented the proposal, highlighting the timeliness of the degree and need for graduates in an emerging technology. Dr. Gephardt expressed the view of the members of the Dept. of English, who are concerned about dividing the discipline within the same university and the same context. This is seen as problematic not only for the Dept. of English itself but also for the College, which should consider the broad philosophical issues connected to this proposal. The representative for Hist./Phil. expressed the support of his Dept. for the Dept. of English. During the discussion, it was reiterated that some guests and committee members see the overlap as dangerous, while others see no problem in two departments offering writing courses focused on different perspectives. Another question was raised about resources, to which Dr. Palmer replied that current resources are sufficient. Ultimately, there is a fundamental question as to whether this issue has already been resolved during disentanglement, and why it is now being discussed at this level. Dr. Treiber reminded the committee members to focus on the proposals at hand, and suggested that a DWMA representative, to be chosen among the proposals’ authors, should be designated to answer the comments on Curriculog. This will be addressed.

On the degree proposal itself, the request was made to include an executive summary, currently missing. The committee then discussed the CDD 2030 proposal, and, more at large, the new role of digital humanities across disciplines. There was agreement to revise the course proposal.

A motion was made to curtail debate on the DWMA. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the proposal package on first reading. Discussion: the issue of resources was raised again; Dean Li explained that, considering a full course-load for each current DWMA faculty member, there are currently enough resources for the program to support itself. He added that no new resources will be granted for this program, as the proposal states that no additional resources will be needed. Motion Passed (5 in favor, 4 against, 1 abstention).

**NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **Interdisciplinary Studies Department**

The AMST Coordinator briefly introduced the Minor proposal. Discussion: Schema needs to be adjusted in Curriculog. Attendance statement needs to be added to AMST 3700. Change in program form is needed for the inclusion of the new courses, AMST 7901 and AMST 7902.

A motion to approve on first reading was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

* 1. **Department of Political Science and International Affairs**

Because there was no time, left, this item will be included on online agenda.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Treiber at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted by Federica Santini.