The meeting was called to order and chaired by Senior Associate Dean Bobbi Owen.


Guests: Laurie Holst, Bob Miles, Nick Siedentop.

I. Joint degree program with the National University of Singapore, proposal to add a major in philosophy (records appended at the end of this document)

Bob Miles, Associate Dean for Study Abroad and International Exchanges, discussed the pros and cons of establishing a joint degree program with a major in philosophy with the Boards.

Participating in a joint degree program requires a full year abroad. Tuition is paid to the home institution, but additional costs (such as housing, food and air travel) can become prohibitive. There exist great cultural differences between the two countries, and the educational systems are inherently different. This mix is less attractive to UNC-Chapel Hill students than NUS students. As a consequence, participation and interest in the joint degree programs have been unbalanced between the two universities. Twelve students from NUS have requested to study at UNC; UNC has one student at NUS, next year possibly two. Furthermore, a UNC-Chapel Hill student currently majoring in philosophy can spend one semester at NUS via the Arts and Sciences exchange program.

Given the imbalance of interest and the added costs involved, the Boards discussed at length whether establishing a joint program in philosophy is worthwhile for Carolina students.

The Boards did approve a joint degree program with the National University of Singapore with a major in philosophy. Joint programs have become a measure of internationalization for universities and UNC students should be encouraged to go abroad. The Board added the caveat that the process of establishing a joint program will be time consuming and may result in a low productivity program. The final decision to pursue the degree rests with the Department of Philosophy.

II. Update on ROTC program changes (records appended at the end of this document)

Senior Associate Dean Bobbi Owen reported that the Air Force has appropriately submitted three courses through the university’s Course Request Approval System (CRAS). Faculty will be provided by the Air Force; their academic credentials
will be reviewed by the personnel committee of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense. Three courses, AERO 201 (1 credit hour), 202 (1 credit hour) and 401 (3 credit hours) were approved by the Boards.

III. Curriculum Proposals (records appended at the end of this document)

Religious Studies: The proposal for changes to the 2010-2011 Bulletin for both the major and minor in Religious Studies were approved, effective Fall 2009:

Introductory and intermediate language courses (RELI 401, 402, 403, 404, 409, 410) are recommended, but do not count towards the major in religious studies

Applied Sciences and Engineering

Changes to the computer engineering track were approved by the Boards, effective Fall 2009

- Replace APPL 415 (4 hrs) with COMP 431 (3 hrs)
- Replace APPL 440 (4 hrs) by requiring both APPL 480 (3 hrs) and COMP 411 (3 hrs)
- Replace MATH 381 (3 hrs) with MATH 528 (3 hrs) and APPL 460 (1 hr)
- Remove APPL 110 (1 hr)

The Boards approved the following change to the Biomedical Engineering Track, effective Fall 2009:

Drop the requirement that students must take one of four designated “ethics” courses to meet the General Education requirement for Philosophy. Students still need to take a class to fulfill this General Education requirement.

These changes will appear in the 2010-2011 Bulletin.

Interdisciplinary Minor in Cinema: A proposal for a minor in Cinema was not presented to the Boards at this meeting.

IV. Discussion of EE designation for all Honors theses

Interim Associate Dean Erika Lindemann affirmed that effective Fall 2009, the experiential education requirement, as defined in the General Education Criteria Document (revised in November 2008), can be satisfied by completing an Honors Thesis. The Boards approved the EE designation for honors theses courses, as long as they are graded courses (not pass/fail), and with the understanding that faculty would provide sustained mentoring of the student’s research. The policy applies to all 691H courses as well as to honors thesis courses having other numbers (e.g., 693H, 694H, ITAL390, FREN/SPAN396).

V. Confirmation of SGE Approvals

The Boards approved the following additions and revisions to courses that fulfill General Education requirements, effective Fall 2009:

AERO 399, Air and Space Expeditionary Training, EE
AFAM 356, The History of Hip Hop Culture, VP
AFAM 395, Field Research in the Black Experience, EE
AFRI 550, The Challenges of Democratic Governance in Africa, GL
AMST 059, Thought in America, HS, NA, CI
AMST 350, Downtowns: Main Street Carolina-A Cultural History of North Carolina, HS, NA, EE
ANTH 060, Crisis & Resilience: Past and Future Human Societies, HS, BN, CI
ANTH 060H, Crisis & Resilience: Past and Future Human Societies, HS, BN, CI
ART 160, Mesoamerica VP, BN, WB
ART 276, Art & Architecture of Vice-regal Latin America, VP, BN, WB
ART 596, Experience in Research, EE, VP
ASIA 455, Arabs in America, GL, NA, SS
BIOL 060, Pneumonia, PL
BUSI 617, Global Marketing, GL
BUSI 623, Global Venturing, GL
CHEM 410, Instructional Methods in the Chemistry Classroom, EE
CHIN 307, Chinese Conversation, BN
CLAR 490, The Archaeology of Early Greece, HS, NA, WB
CMPL 471, Classical Rhetoric and Modern Theory, LA, NA, WB
COMM 249, Introduction to Communication Technology, Culture and Society, HS
COMM 250, Introduction to American Film and Culture, 1965-Present VP
COMM 263, Introduction to the Study of Literature in Performance, LA
COMM 412, Critical Theory, PH
COMM 413, Freud, HS
COMP 392, Practicum, EE
COMP 580, Enabling Technologies, CI, EE, US
ENGL 621, Arthurian Romance, LA, NA, WB
ENST 108, Our Energy and Climate Crises: Challenges and Opportunities, PL, GL
FREN 280, French and Francophone Literature in Translation: Representations of the Americas, LA, NA
HIST 078, Coming of Age in 20th Century America, HS, NA, US
HIST 517, Military, War and Gender in Comparative Perspective, 18-20 C, HS, NA
INTS 514, Monuments and Memory: Public Art and the Commemoration of History, HS, NA
INTS 560, Human Rights, Ethics and Global Issues, GL
LFIT 190, Special Topics in Lifetime Fitness, LF
LGLA 403, Intermediate Lingala III, FL
LGLA 404, Intermediate Lingala IV, FL
MASC 310, Our Changing Planet: Science, Social Impacts, Solutions, PL
MATH 410, Teaching and Learning Mathematics, EE
PHIL 220, Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Hume PH, NA, WB
PHIL 229, Twentieth-Century Western Philosophy, NA
PHIL 230, Experience and Reality, PH
PHIL 351, Philosophy of Physics, PH
PHIL 451, Philosophy of Physics, PH
PHYS 106, Inquiry into the Physical World, PX
PLCY 420, Taxation and Public Policy, NA,US
PWAD 395, Internship in Peace, War and Defense, EE
RELI 138, Religious Freedom, PH
RUSS 473, Vladimir Nabokov: Life and Art, LA
SOCI 065, FYS Environment, Health and Justice, SS, US
SPAN 390, Spanish Sociolinguistics, SS
WMST 111, Introduction to Sexuality Studies, SS, NA, US
WMST 237, African Gender History, HS, BN, GL
WMST 289, Women and the Law in Africa and the Middle East, HS, BN, GL
WMST 610, Feminism, Sexuality and Human Rights, SS, BN

VI. Non-General Education requests

The Boards approved the following additions that do not fulfill General Education requirements, effective Fall 2009:

BIOL 402, Infectious Disease in the Developing World
CHEM 541, Analytical Microscopy
COMM 657, Audio Production
COMM 665, Performing Consumer Culture
ENGL 607, Theory and Practice of Writing in the Disciplines (Fall 09)
POLI 444, Seminar on Terrorism

VII. Miscellaneous Approvals

The Boards approved the following miscellaneous course changes reviewed by Interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curricula Erika Lindemann, effective Fall 2009:

Course approvals

APPL 450, change credit hours from 4.0 to 3.0; un-cross-list the course with BMME 450.

ASIA 187, delete the course.

BIOL 431, cross-list with PHYS 405.

CHEM 442, delete the course.

CHEM 442L, delete the course.

CMPL 198H, cross-list with SLAV 198H.

CMPL 279, cross-list with GERM 279.

COMM 261, delete the course.

COMM 410, delete the course.

COMM 440, delete the course.

COMM 441, delete the course.

COMM 649, delete the course.

COMM 660, delete the course.

ECON 465, change prerequisite from “ECON 310 or ECON 410 or permission of instructor” to “ECON 410.”

HIST 050, delete the course.

HIST 069, delete the course.

HIST 187, delete the course.

HIST 259, change long title from “Women and Gender in Europe from the 18th to the 20th Century” to “Women and Gender in Europe since 1750”; change abbreviated title from “WOMEN/GEND EUR 18C -20C” to “WOMEN/GEN EUR SINCE 1750”; change description from “The changes in women’s and men’s work, lives, and politics pertaining to the household, workforce, civil society, nations, and states” to “This course examines and compares women’s and men’s lives and the
history of women’s struggle for emancipation in modern Europe, roughly from the era of the late Enlightenment and the French Revolution to the period after World War II.”

JWST 100, cross-list with RELI 123.

LGLA 101, renumber as LGLA 401.

LGLA 102, renumber as LGLA 402.

PLCY 060, delete the course.

PLCY 450, delete the course.

RELI 187, delete the course.

Curriculum Approvals

Chinese minor, Department of Asian Studies: Addition of CHIN 307 Chinese Conversation to courses applicable toward the minor, contingent on Administrative Boards approval of the course on 2-25-09.

Chinese concentration in the major, Department of Asian Studies: Addition of CHIN 307 Chinese Conversation to courses applicable to the major concentration, contingent on Administrative Boards approval of the course on 2-25-09.


These changes become effective Fall 2009 and will be published in the 2010-2011 Bulletin.

VIII. Moratorium on Course Submissions

In anticipation of the move to the PeopleSoft course management system, members of the Administrative Boards discussed placing a moratorium on course submissions, effective after the September 15, 2009, course submission deadline and extending to the January 15, 2011, course submission deadline. The Boards agreed that this 18-month moratorium was critical to having an accurate inventory of courses to import into the new PeopleSoft system and advised that the precise dates needed to be flexible, depending on the schedule for the ERP project. Addressing concerns about possible exceptions that might need to be made for approving courses resulting from the hiring of new faculty members or the development of necessary new programs, Dean Owen explained that departments and curricula might be able to use directed readings, studies, or special topics courses for this purpose. It would also be possible to make exceptions to the moratorium in special cases. Subject to these conditions, the Boards approved the moratorium for units in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Boards adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.