MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS
OF THE GENERAL COLLEGE AND THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
Wednesday, January 28, 2009
3:00pm-5:00pm
3020 Steele Building

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm and chaired by Senior Associate Dean Bobbi Owen.


Guests: Bob Miles, Joe Glatthaar, Paula Goodman, Nick Siedentop

I. Study Abroad Proposal: Turkey (records appended at the end of this document)

Bob Miles, the Associate Dean for Study Abroad and International Exchanges, explained the origins of this program and its continuing development. The program is to be offered on a trial basis as a five-week program during summer 2009. The Study Abroad Advisory Board will review the program after its initial run to determine if five weeks is a reasonable length for this program, including a consideration of student evaluations. Dean Miles will report back to the Board on the outcome of the review process in November or December 2009.

The Boards approved the program for its initial offering in Summer 2009 only; final approval will await the recommendation of the Study Abroad Advisory Board.

RELI 585 approved, effective Summer Session I 2009.

II. Changes to the ROTC Program (records appended at the end of this document)

Joseph Glatthaar, Professor of History and Chair of Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, appeared before the Boards to provide background information relevant to the Boards’ discussion of the proposed changes to the AFROTC program that the Boards discussed at the December 10, 2008, meeting.

The United States Air Force initiated a complaint that the University’s requirements of AFROTC students were in violation of the Solomon Amendment. Dr. Glatthaar explained that the consequences of this violation would be immediately effective and extraordinarily punitive, resulting in the withdrawal of federal funding to the University.

University counsel advised that the University cannot place additional requirements on AFROTC students beyond the regular requirements of all students.

The Administrative Boards declined to vote but accepted the proposal, effective immediately. The Boards wish to note the following:

- The AFROTC program can propose new non-credit-bearing courses according to the terms of the proposal (AERO 201, 202, and 401). The courses will be subject to the normal process of course
approval in the College and are invited for submission by the next deadline for course review, September 15, 2009.

- PWAD 213 and PWAD 445 will not be revised to offer no-credit sections.
- ROTC students must complete all University graduation requirements in order to receive a degree from the University. Courses that do not carry academic credit cannot satisfy graduation requirements.

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

Asian Studies major: Concentration in South Asian studies: The proposal for changes to the concentration in the major was approved, effective Fall 2009, with the proviso that the Bulletin text should read that no course in the department of the student’s major can be taken pass/fail rather than just courses in the concentration.

English major: The proposal for changes to the major was approved, effective Fall 2009. The Boards clarified that only courses that apply towards a major are those that apply towards hours of C or better; students may not substitute any course in the department to supplement hours of C.

Jewish Studies minor: The proposal for changes to the minor was approved, effective Fall 2009. The department clarified that a course designated as fulfilling the World Before 1750 Connection in the General Education curriculum satisfies the requirement for a pre-1750 course for the minor.

IV. General Education Courses

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

ART 051 CI, VP
ART 052 NA, VP
ART 053 NA, VP
ART 158 BN, WB, VP
ART 251 BN, WB, VP
ART 258 BN, WB, VP
ART 284 NA, VP
ART 397 EE, VP
ART 468 BN, VP
ART 485 NA, VP
ART 596 EE
ASIA 060 BN
ASTR 102 PL
BUSI 610 GL
BUSI 622 GL (conditional on confirmation of minimum criteria; contingency satisfied)
CHEM 073 PL (conditional on confirmation of minimum criteria; contingency satisfied)
COMM 437 VP (conditional on confirmation of minimum criteria; contingency satisfied)
COMP 523 CI, EE
DHYG 404 EE
V. Non-General Education Courses

The Boards approved the following additions and revisions to courses that do not fulfill General Education requirements, effective Fall 2009:
ART 267
ART 469
BIOL 531
BIOL 643
CHEM 469
COMM 435
COMM 576
VI. Roles of Subcommittee on General Education and Administrative Boards in course approval process

The Boards discussed possible improvements to the process of approving courses in the future. Dean Owen proposed moving towards a model based on the present practice of miscellaneous approvals (i.e. non-substantive changes such as title changes) being made on behalf of the Boards by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curricula. Discussion centered on whether courses needed to be reviewed in detail by the full membership of the Administrative Boards after they have been approved by the Subcommittee on General Education (SGE).

Points that were discussed included:

- The course approval process would be greatly enhanced with improved faculty understanding of the criteria the Boards use to review courses. The Office of Undergraduate Curricula in conjunction with the SGE is preparing a course submission worksheet that faculty would complete in addition to submitting a syllabus.

- SGE members find the balance among different disciplinary perspectives on the Administrative Boards helpful in judging course content and value. One solution is to increase the size of the SGE to ensure a balanced distribution of members among the disciplines.

- When the new curriculum was implemented in 2006, the Administrative Boards focused their efforts on curriculum implementation. At this stage, it would be appropriate for the Board to return to its original task of considering curriculum proposals rather than course additions and revisions.

- The Administrative Board members expressed trust in the judgment of their colleagues on the SGE. There was general consensus that the SGE could perform the task of approving courses on behalf of the Administrative Boards without a second review at Administrative Board meetings. Exceptions could always be made if the SGE determined that the judgment of the full membership of the Administrative Boards was required in the event of problematic cases which merited larger discussion.

- It was suggested that the SGE might especially pay attention to courses that duplicate courses offerings from the professional schools. Dean Owen commented that a proposal will be forthcoming at a future meeting which would raise the issue of overlap or duplication among programs in the College (proposal for a new Cinema Studies minor, compared to a major track in film in Comparative Literature).
• Concern was expressed about the number of courses in the College and whether enough courses are being deleted. Currently there are courses in the catalogue that are not being taught. A course number cannot be reused for 5 years; therefore a course not taught for 5 years should be deleted. Up until this point, we have had mechanism to track this, but the PeopleSoft system will allow us to keep the course inventory more up-to-date.

It was agreed that the SGE and the Administrative Boards would begin to move in the direction of increased authority for the SGE to act on behalf of the Boards on the model of miscellaneous approvals. Course syllabuses and other submitted course materials will continue to be made available to the Boards and any course approvals made by the SGE or the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curricula will be reported to the Boards at each meeting.

VII. Miscellaneous Approvals

Course approvals

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

APPL 396, change in hours from variable 1-12 to variable 1-3.

ART 265, change short title from “MEDIEVAL ICONGRPHY” to “Medieval Iconography.”

ART 266, change title from “Art of Early and Medieval India” to “Arts of Early and Medieval Asia.”

ART 273, change short title from “MUGHAL ART” to “Arts in Mughal India.”

ART 282, change title from “Impressionism and Symbolism” to “Modernism I: Impressionism and Post-Impressionism.” Change short title from “Impressionism/Symbolism” to “Modern 1: Imp/Post.” Add prerequisite: “Prerequisite, any ART 50-89 or 100-199.Permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.” Change description to “The development of European art from 1850 to 1905, with an emphasis on French avant-garde movements including realism and impressionism.”

ART 390, change title from “Special Topics in Studio Art and Art History” to “Special Topics in the Visual Arts.” Change short title from “Spec Topics Studio/ Hist” to “Topics in Visual Arts.”

ART 456, change title from “Art and Ritual in South Asia” to “Art and Visual Culture of South Asia.” Cross-list with ASIA 456.

ART 471, change short title from “NOR EUROPEAN ART” to “N Euro Art 14c & 15c.”

ART 472, change title from “Early Modern Western Art, 1400-1750” to “Early Modern Art, 1400-1750.” Change short title from “Early Mod Western Art” to “Early Modern Art.”

ASIA 300, cross list with RELI 283.

ASIA 301, cross list with RELI 286.
ASIA 302, cross list with RELI 287.

ASIA 303, cross list with RELI 288.

ASIA 458, cross-list with ART 458.

CHER 101, 102, 203, 204, 305: add new courses to inventory and approve of FL Foundation Gen Ed for 102-204; FL Connection for 305.

COMM 543, change title from “History of National Media in the West” to “World Media History.” Change short title from “HIST OF NATL MEDIA” to “World Media History.”


COMM 639, change to make repeatable within term.

ENGL 120, change title from “British Literature, Chaucer to Pope” to “British Literature, Medieval to 18th Century” so that title parallels title for ENGL 121. Change short title from “ENG LIT/MID AGE/18C” to “BritLit, Mediev. to 18th.”

GERM 257, add prerequisites “Junior standing or permission of the instructor and/or the director of undergraduate studies.” Cross-list with HIST 257, POLI 257, and SOCI 257.

HEBR 306, revise course description from “Third year of instruction in spoken and written Hebrew with an emphasis on the reading and discussion of literary works by major Israeli authors” to “Third year of instruction in modern Hebrew with an emphasis on Israeli culture, literature, and media.” Cross-list with JWST 306.

HIST 138, change title from “Introduction to Islamic Civilization” to "History of Muslim Societies to 1500." Change short title from “INTRO ISLAM CIV M/E” to "Muslim Societies to 1500." Cross-list with ASIA 138.

HIST 139, change title from “Later Islamic Civilization and the Modern Muslim World” to "History of Muslim Societies since 1500." Change short title from “MOD MUSLIM WORLD” to "Muslim Soc Since 1500." Cross-list with ASIA 139.

MATH 595, cross-list with PHYS 595.

SPAN 265, change prerequisite from “SPAN 204” to “SPAN 204. Open only to students in the minor in Spanish for the professions; not open to students who have taken SPAN 300.”

SPAN 320, change prerequisite from “SPAN 250, 255, 260, or equivalent” to “SPAN 265. Open only to students in the minor in Spanish for the professions.”

SPAN 321, change prerequisite from “SPAN 265” to “SPAN 265. Open only to students in the minor in Spanish for the professions.”

SPAN 322, change prerequisite from “SPAN 265” to “SPAN 265. Open only to students in the minor in Spanish for the professions.”
SPAN 323, change prerequisite from “SPAN 265” to “SPAN 265. Open only to students in the minor in Spanish for the professions.”

SPAN 335, change prerequisite from “SPAN 320, 321, 322, or 323” to “SPAN 320, 321, 322, or 323. Open only to students in the minor in Spanish for the professions.”

SPAN 386, change course number to SPAN 362. Change prerequisite from “SPAN 330 or equivalent” to “SPAN 330 or 340.” Cross-list with EURO 386.

SPAN 388, change course number to SPAN360. Change prerequisite from “SPAN 300 and 340, 344, 345, or equivalent, or permission of instructor” to “SPAN 330, 340, 344, or 345. Permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.”

WMST 396, change description from “By permission of the curriculum chair. Intensive reading/research under faculty supervision resulting in a written paper. Open to women's studies majors and other qualified students” to “Permission of the chair. Faculty supervision required. Independent reading and research. Students can repeat the course as long as they work on a different topic each time they enroll.”

WOLO 203, change course number to WOLO 403; change description from “This course continues conversational and written Wolof and is especially appropriate for students planning to travel to Senegal. It will introduce students to Senegalese literature and proverbs” to “This course is intended for learners who have already acquired Wolof proficiency in WOLO 401 and 402. It increases communicative proficiency and language learning ability as well as proficiency in cultures of the Wolof people.”

Curriculum Approvals

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

Social and Economic Justice minor: Addition of PSYC 467 to courses applicable toward the minor in the category of “Understanding Justice.”

Asian Studies:

- **Hebrew minor**: addition of ASIA 60, 435, 235 to courses applicable toward the minor.
- **Hindi-Urdu minor**: addition of ASIA 61, 153, 232, 333; RELI 283 to courses applicable toward minor. *ASIA 059 not approved at this time; pending requested changes from department.
- **Interdisciplinary major and minor**: addition of ASIA 58, 60, 61, 232, 235, 333, 435; RELI 238; GEOG 266 to courses applicable toward the major and minor. ASIA 59 not approved at this time; pending requested changes from department.
- **Japanese major**: addition of ASIA 058 to courses applicable toward major.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.