

EPCC Minutes
January 8, 2008

In Attendance: Steve Griffith, John Bolen, Mark Juffernbruch, Deb Czarneski, Justin Nostrala, Mike Hadden, Mark Gammon, Kedron Bardwell, Walter Pearson, Virginia Croskery, Steve Rose, John Pauley

Tricia Calkins and Sharon Wilkonson attended to present WLCS 120 Introduction to Cultural Studies.

Jacki Brittingham attended to present Bio290 proposal.

Lora Friedrich, Fred Jones, Carolyn Dallinger, Mark Freyberg, Rachel Bandy attended (mid-meeting) to present the *Masters in Criminal Justice* proposal.

The meeting began by voting on the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. 11/27/07 Minutes were approved.

1. Bio 290B Wildlife Ecology.

Jackie Brittingham present the proposal. Course proposed to satisfy Cornerstone 2A. Proposal was approved by EPCC.

2. Proposal for WLCS 120 Introduction to Cultural Studies (document previously attached).

Discussion began with a request to change the title to: *Introduction to Cultural Studies*.

At this time this course will be offered as a writing intensive LAS class with the satisfaction of CS7.

Kedron asked whether there had been further investigation of whether this class overlaps with others currently offered. Tricia explained that the classes that came the closest to overlapping with the proposed course were taught by Erin Reser. Since Erin is no longer here, those classes are not being taught.

It was explained that the department has a need to offer courses that are other than foreign language courses and that this course satisfies that need.

Steve Rose asked what exactly students would be gaining from this course. Sharon said she would like to see the student look at cultural practice and analyze that from previously studied framework. Hone observational and analytical skills and write articulately about how society is established.

Tricia asked about how to get this course through so that it can be offered in a timely manner. It was decided that the 28-day wait period should be waived.

3. May term cornerstone proposals from Pauley. Discussed at the last meeting.

Pauley explained that it should be noted that he worked alone in going through May Term courses to determine Cornerstone designations. He talked to many people and it was a rather lengthy process. Pauley proposes that a system be put in place in which departments think about what offerings can be Cornerstone designations and then contact Pauley for Cornerstone consultation.

Bolen explained that the May Term catalogue has already been printed. Pauley suggested waiving the 28-day wait period for this proposal so that the CS designation for the May Term courses could be known soon. Bolen explained that the designation could be indicated when the student brings the course up on computer.

Pauley explained that he didn't believe that just because a course could be a Cornerstone that it had to be. Explained that there were some who didn't care to have their courses designated as a Cornerstone potentially causing overflow in the May Term course.

EPCC approved Pauley's proposal which lists a variety of May Term courses that would be offered as Cornerstone courses.

4. Proposal for Masters of Criminal Justice (document previously attached).

Lora Friedrich, Fred Jones, Carolyn Dallinger, Mark Freyberg, Rachel Bandy entered to present the proposal.

Freyberg consulted the group about the best way for presenting this proposal --especially in regards to bringing new faculty up to speed.

Kedron called for a document that indicates the revisions in this new document compared to the previous document when the proposal was submitted last time.

Fred explained some of the substantial changes. For instance, that this new proposal now allows students to choose a program in the elective area that fits their agency and needs. Steve Rose suggested providing an general overview that indicates the substantial changes in the proposal as compared to the last. The MACJ committee agreed to this.

Gammon asked if there has been a needs analysis since 2002. Fred Jones said that there hadn't been.

Steve Griffith encouraged the group to focus on the mission of the department, as opposed to focusing too much on whether the program will make money. Griffith suggested that focus be

placed on the fact that this is a unique opportunity, that we have strong department for this, and that we have a niche for this which would seem to ensure the program be effective.

Discussion of the proposal continued.

Juffernbruch raised the concern about pay for the instructor who was teaching graduate students in the program. It was suggested that the pay would need to be addressed by BCC. Walter Pearson, Steve Griffith and others agreed that the pay needed to be reviewed.

Deb asked about the new hire for the program, what their expectations would be as a faculty member at Simpson. Fred explained that the expectations would be the same as it is for any other regular faculty. Fred Jones said that a majority of the classes for the program would be taught by Simpson faculty. He explained that adjuncts are readily available in the DSM area. Fred also emphasized that it will always be the case that any course would be taught by qualified, individual that has a PhD. Mark added that the new instructors would undergo the same course evaluations that all regular, faculty do.

Deb Czarneski asked questions that were submitted by Murphy Waggoner (who could not attend the meeting this time). Murphy asked if the MAT and Master Criminal Justice courses were to be compensated the same. Walter says, the same.

Murphy also asked about tuition. Walter says a raise in tuition is reflected in the proposal. Murphy also asked whether it is normal to have a course from a Masters program taught by adjunct. Fred explains it is normal. Lora F. states that she has adjunct instructors in her studies in a Masters program. Explains that these instructors are often very qualified, fully committed individuals who enjoy teaching the courses.

Walter Pearson also explained that 8 of the 11 courses for the program will be taught by full-time, Simpson faculty members.

Another concern from Murphy presented by Deb, is that there is nothing in the faculty handbook about a Master's degree and therefore there is no standard for evaluating a Master's program. This led into a discussion about the identity of the college. Mark Gammon suggested that the timing of the proposal might not be right since we are in the midst of reviewing the college. Gammon suggested that it might be better to finish the Strategic Plan before considering whether the college would offer Masters programs.

As time ran out there was a discussion about whether to vote on the MACJ proposal via e-mail or wait until the next meeting. It was decided to wait until the next meeting.

The next EPCC meeting is January 22 at 12:30

