

**THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS
Friday, May 12, 2017
126 DeBartolo Hall**

ATTENDANCE

Deans: *Dean:* John McGreevy; *Associate Deans:* James Brockmole, JoAnn DellaNeve, Peter Holland, Margaret Meserve; *Assistant Deans:* Collin Meissner, Ava Preacher, Nicholas Russo, Joseph Stanfiel, Vicki Toumayan.

Chairpersons and Directors: Thomas Anderson, Michael Brownstein, Lee Anna Clark, Jim Collins, William Donahue, Mary Celeste Kearney, Brian Krostenko, Dianne Pinderhughes, Peter Smith, Jeffrey Speaks, Thomas Tweed.

Elected Faculty: Carolina Arroyo, David Betson, Liang Cai, Jon Coleman, Jessica Collett, John Deak, Noreen Deane-Moran, Kevin Dreyer, David Gibson, Tom Gresik, Dan Groody, Louis MacKenzie, Tara MacLeod, Marisel Moreno, Darcia Narvaez, Lynette Spillman, Juan Vitulli, David Watson, Lira Yoon.

Regularly Invited Guests, Observers, and Resource People: Denise Ayo (Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures), Matthew Capdevielle (University Writing Center), John Duffy (University Writing Program), Kate Garry (Office of the Dean), Essaka Joshua (College Seminar Program), Jake Lundberg (History), Laurie Mastic (College Seminar Program), Maria McKenna (Africana Studies and Education, Schooling, and Society), John O'Callaghan (Maritain Center), Brian O'Conchubhair (Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures), Kathleen Opel (Office of International Studies), Richard Pierce (Africana Studies), Matt Zyniewicz (Office of the Dean).

Excused: Ann Astell, Matthew Ashley, Tobias Boes, Catherine Bolten, James Brockmole, David Campbell, Jon Coleman, Ann-Marie Conrado, Richard Donnelly, Bill Evans, Margot Fassler, Mary Flannery, Curtis Franks, Agustin Fuentes, Anne Garcia Romero, Daniel Graff, Richard Gray, Patrick Griffin, Moira Horn, Jessica Kim, Jesse Lander, Joshua Lund, Sarah McKibben, Thomas Merluzzi, Laura Miller, Ashley Murphy, Sarah Mustillo, Rahul Oka, Jessica Payne, Justin Pizzimenti, Siiri Scott, Heather Roberts Stanfiel, Thomas Stapleford, Erika Summers-Effler, Hannelore Weber.

Dean John McGreevy convened the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

Proposed minor in History

Jon Coleman (Department of History) and Jake Lundberg (Department of History) presented a proposed minor in History, underscoring aspects of the curriculum.

Carolina Arroyo (Department of Political Science) noted that a generous double counting proposal will help students perhaps pursue a major. And a gateway course is for a minor and major, but can any student take that course? J. Lundberg responded that the committee discussed the possibility of allowing any student to take the gateway course. C. Arroyo observed that the Hesburgh Program in Public Policy has a gateway course that allows non-majors to take the course. Many students decide to add the minor because of their exposure to the gateway course.

Michael Brownstein (Chairperson, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures) wondered if a History University Seminar course could count toward the minor. J. Lundberg replied that such a course may count for the minor.

Assistant Dean Nick Russo noted that on the second page of the proposal there is a discussion about courses; he wondered if the committee considered the creation of tracks of courses. J. Lundberg stated that the minor will most likely have tracks in the future.

After discussion, J. McGreevy called for a vote to pass the proposal for a minor in history.

The proposal was approved with 26 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 3 abstentions.

Proposed minor in Linguistics

Susan Blum (Department of Anthropology) introduced a proposal for a minor in Linguistics.

Associate Dean James Brockmole asked how the proposed minor compares with similar minors/majors at peer institutions. Susan Blum noted that the committee who generated the proposal debated what the minor should be called. Other titles did not seem proper either. Associate Dean Peter Holland inquired that while people currently do not offer syntax or phonology, might there be faculty on campus who could teach such a course?

Jeff Speaks (Chairperson, Department of Philosophy) observed that such topics as phonology and syntax are usually the main courses in a linguistic program. Susan Blum noted that students who pursue the minor would be introduced to those topics. Bill Donahue (Chairperson, Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures) suggested that perhaps the committee could survey faculty if they have such courses. S. Blum noted that the committee would do that after the proposal was approved.

J. DellaNeva observed that the proposal is restricted to the creation of a minor and so is less critical to capture all possible courses that could be pursued. J. Brockmole respectfully disagreed, stating that if there is an industry standard for a certain type of minor or major, and the University does not meet that standard, then it can be misleading to state that the University is offering a particular minor or major.

J. McGreevy noted that when minors are not run by a department, the minors are then fragile. He wondered how the minor might sustain the gateway course with faculty we have now. It was noted that Professor Hana Kang's course would always be offered as part of the minor, and that in a clutch the vast majority of graduate students listed could teach an introductory course. J. Speaks stated that when the

minor is evaluated in the future, the evaluation should include the questions of whether a good set of course offerings have been available.

After discussion, J. McGreevy called for a vote to pass the proposed minor. The proposal was approved with 20 votes in favor, 8 votes against, and 5 abstentions.

Proposed general degree requirements for the College of Arts and Letters

J. DellaNeva introduced a proposal to adjust the College of Arts and Letters degree requirements in view of the recently adopted core curriculum.

N. Russo noted that the report reverts back to older attributes. How will the new general degree requirements be coordinated with the with new core curriculum? And who will adjudicate cross-counting? J. DellaNeva replied that the mechanics will be worked out and the coordination with the new core curriculum will not be an issue.

Tom Anderson (Chairperson, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures) asked if a USEM course could be counted toward a major. J. DellaNeva confirmed that USEMs could count toward a major but the respective departments would need to make the decision.

N. Russo observed that there are several courses listed in the proposal with multiple attributes. J. DellaNeva confirmed that there will be no double counting for University core courses, but there can be double counting for University core requirements and College general degree requirements. J. DellaNeva will work with N. Russo to help clarify the attributes.

Tom Tweed (Chairpersons, Department of American Studies) agreed with double counting. He also agreed that double counting USEM courses was beneficial for the students. He encouraged the committee to make sure the College's requirements cohere with core curriculum.

M. Brownstein asked if a CSEM could be double counted for a major requirement. M. Brownstein noted that on page 5 of the proposal the foreign language requirement is addressed. Would it be possible to consider the requirement in terms of credit hours earned rather than in terms of semesters? J. DellaNeva suggested that she will need to work out the language requirements with the different language departments. She also indicated that the CSEM courses are more interdisciplinary and do not lend themselves to be counted for major credit. Maria McKenna (Africana Studies and Education, Schooling, and Society) wondered if it would be possible for a student in an interdisciplinary major to double count a CSEM course. J. DellaNeva would defer to department. M. McKenna also noted that other colleges and schools will allow AP credit to count toward their general degree requirements. J. McGreevy admitted that the College does not know how the new policy on AP credit will attract or deter students. The College might have to revisit the policy in a few years.

Bill Donahue (Chairperson, Department of German and Russian) thought that the new AP policy was the most interesting and exciting change. The College could allow the AP credit to be placed on students' transcripts but the College need not count the credit. Tom Gresik (Department of Economics) also spoke in support for the AP policy, indicating that it creates new opportunities to facilitate students taking master-level courses.

J. McGreevy summarized the discussion, noting that there still needed to be more clarity with regard to the language requirements.

J. McGreevy called for a vote to pass the revisions of the College of Arts and Letters general degree requirements.

The proposal passed, with 36 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 1 abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

J. McGreevy adjourned the plenary meeting at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Zyniewicz
Dean's Executive Administrator