

## College Curriculum Committee

*In attendance:* McCann (AAH), (ENG), Beretta (L&L), Rauscher (PHL), VanWieren (REL), Grubbs (RCS), Dobbins (THR), Blythe (WRAC), Pierce (Undgrd Student Rep), Fisch-Ferguson (Grad Student Rep), Hoppenstand (UCC Rep), Swenson (Assoc Dean), Roraback (Dean's Office), Walker (Dean's Office)

Special Guests: Angelika Kraemer and Kiki Edozie

### MINUTES: November 10, 2011 – 3:15 – 120 Linton

**1. Approval of the Agenda**  
APPROVED

Agenda ordering was changed to address item 5b (AL 431 European Fairy Tale Tradition) before 5a.

**2. Approval of October 20, 2011 Minutes**  
APPROVED

**3. UCC updates (Hoppenstand)**

All CAL curriculum changes were passed by the UCC. The UCC committee members asked questions about an online assignment listed for WRA 493. The importance of departmental representation at the UCC to answer specific committee questions was stressed.

**4. Teacher Education Council updates (Swenson)**

The meeting was cancelled because there were no items on the agenda.

**5. Curricular requests\***

**a. Arts & Letters**

*New Course*

AL 431 European Fairy Tale Tradition

Kraemer addressed questions regarding AL 431. This course is only offered summer semester and was taught as AL 491 this summer. The highest number of students permitted to enroll is 60; approximately 40 students enrolled last summer. The course number change would prevent the course from being taken more than once. Regarding the lack of prerequisites for the course, it was noted that the course is aimed at juniors and seniors.

The following friendly amendments were introduced and accepted:

\* Item 10: a grammatical change was made to clarify the relationship of people to cultural experience.

\* Item 22: the requirement for the course was changed to Junior standing or above; this will eliminate the need for requiring Tier 1 Writing and IAH courses,

but still allow interested graduate students to take the course. Sophomores can seek an override to take the course.

AL 431: APPROVED

**b. AAAS**

Edozie addressed questions regarding the African American and African Studies program and course changes. It was noted that an AAAS program review was recently completed and the program saw a need to strengthen the undergraduate specialization. Faculty met and discussed courses and requirements and concluded courses listed under the AL heading should be changed to AAAS courses. They also noted a need to rationalize courses and to open a new course, AAAS 300.

It was agreed that course changes be discussed first, then program changes.

*New Courses*

AAAS 300 Survey in Africana Studies (W)

The following friendly amendments were introduced and accepted:

\* It was noted that the course is listed as meeting the Tier 2 writing requirement, but that students usually met this requirement in their major. It was agreed that the Tier 2 writing requirement be removed.

\* It was noted that in the course change forms, Items 4, 5, 10, 11 are important elements and overlap among them is desirable. AAAS will review these items and determine whether the relationship among the items is sufficiently clear.

AAAS 490 Independent Study

The following friendly amendments were introduced and accepted:

\* Item 13: AAAS 490 was made selective for AAAS specialization students.

\* Items 18 & 19: explanation will be provided where any course might face a challenge over course overlap.

AAAS 495 Advanced Research in African American and African Studies

The Registrar's office has noted that the AL 495 number is specific to AAAS.

The following friendly amendments were introduced and accepted:

\* Item 16: AL 495 will be deleted and listed as an alias to the new AAAS 495.

\* It was noted that within the course change forms items 4, 5, 10, 11 are important elements and overlap among them is desirable. AAAS will review Items 4, 5, 10, 11 and determine whether the relationship among the items is sufficiently clear.

\* It was agreed that the Tier 2 writing requirement be removed.

AAAS 300: APPROVED

AAAS 490: APPROVED

AAAS 495: APPROVED

***Program change***

Specialization in African American and African Studies

It was noted that in the program change form, Item 15 is a primary element that should be closely examined; examples of specializations were provided for comparison purposes.

The following friendly amendments were introduced and accepted:

- \* It was noted that there is a need for a description of both the plan for evaluating the program and the plan for assessing student outcomes in Item 15.
- \* The need for additional information on faculty in Item 15 was noted. In Item 1, expected enrollment should be consistent in Items 7 and 15. In the program description section of Item 15, it was suggested that language that might be challenged in the UCC (praising curriculum) be eliminated.
- \* It was noted that English Department courses listed on the AAAS Specialization need to be corrected:  
Add: Eng 317  
Delete: Eng 363 and Eng 463  
Correct course titles for 431A and 431B
- \* It was noted that a Philosophy Department course should be added to the AAAS Specialization: Phl 351.

Program changes for the Specialization in African American and African Studies:  
APPROVED

**6. Other Business**

The Theatre Department will bring courses forward next month

The next meeting is December 15. Departmental representatives were asked to get curriculum into the system as soon as possible. The committee will be polled to see if the meeting time can be moved up to 1:00 pm. Departmental representatives were asked to attend the UCC where appropriate to answer questions about curriculum changes.

*\* Curricular requests can be viewed at <https://www.reg.msu.edu/forms/formsmenu.asp> "Academic Programs" and "COURSES." If you have difficulty accessing any of the information, please contact Theresa Walker ([walkerth@msu.edu](mailto:walkerth@msu.edu)) to request hard copies.*

Reviewed by Swenson and Rauscher.