

# Minutes of the College Curriculum Committee

College of Arts & Letters

February 16, 2017

**Members Present:** Stuart Blythe, Miguel Cabanas, Sheila Contreras, Stephen Deng, Bump Halbritter (UCC rep), Todd Hedrick, Alisa Henriquez, Bethany Judge, Tom Lovik

**Guests Present:** Charlene Polio, Kate Sonka

## Approvals

- Approval of agenda for 02/16 was moved by Lovik and seconded by Hedrick. The Committee approved the motion.
- Approval of the minutes from 1/19 was moved by Hedrick and seconded by Lovik. The Committee approved the motion.

## Associate Dean's Report

Contreras had no initial remarks.

## Presentation on Accessibility in the Classroom

Kate Sonka gave an overview of what *accessibility* looks like at MSU (see <http://webaccess.msu.edu>). MSU policy is that all instructional and web content must adhere to accessibility guidelines. Sonka also described a multi-year process that MSU is undertaking to ensure that all units in CAL meet accessibility guidelines.

## UCC Updates

Halbritter reported that all proposed CAL course and program changes passed the UCC, with the exception of English 320, which was sent back to the department for clarification..

## Curricular Requests

1. Contreras reported on a set of decisions made by the Michigan Department of Education. The State has decided that a number of teaching minors will no longer be certified—for example, a disciplinary teaching minor in English for students pursuing elementary education certification.
2. Related to the decisions made by the Michigan Department of Education, Polio presented a motion to approve moratoria on Russian Teaching MNEL and MNSE. The motion passed.

## Other Business

Contreras raised questions regarding the Humanities Pre-Law BA and the Interdisciplinary Humanities BA.

### **Humanities Pre-Law BA**

- a. Might we want to maintain the more open structure of the program as it exists now in requirements 1a and 1b?
- b. May we reconsider the course options as laid out in the revisions?
- c. Can we revisit the capstone seminar requirement?

### **Interdisciplinary Humanities BA**

- a. Do we still agree with the unique requirement of a capstone seminar that eliminates experiential education possibilities and becomes the only option for fulfilling the Tier II writing requirement?

These questions were discussed. Contreras asked the committee to reflect further on these questions. She said that these questions would be put on the agenda again for the March meeting. Cabanas made a motion to table the issue for the March meeting. Hedrick seconded. The motion was passed.

## Adjournment

Cabanas moved to adjourn. Lovik seconded.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Blythe