

Minutes for February 19th Meeting

Present: Bhavneet Walia, Samit Chakravorti, Linda Zellmer, Minsun Doh, Samira Risheg, Emily Gorlewski, Gary Schmidt, Richard Hughey, Istvan Szabo

Guest: Simon Cordery, Chair of History

- (1) Approval of minutes from January 21st meeting
Samit, Richard, everyone votes to approve

- (2) New Course

- a. HISTORY 380: the Great War, 1914-1918 – syllabus needs to have the FLGI goals and objectives in it. History did not want to do this before the course was approved for GI; they will add in. There was discussion on adding more detail from the syllabus into the proposal. The Council decided to ask for revisions to the proposal and the syllabus; we will look at it again next meeting.
- b. SOC 440: There was discussion on using the readings to address the goals and objectives. Some on the Council would rather see specific examples from the readings than just a list of the readings. Samit suggests adding some specific examples to Goal 1. The faculty member should make clear that what he refers to as “FLGI Course Objectives” are his course objectives, which help the course meet the goals. “FLGI” should be removed and replaced with “FLGI.”

Point total on the syllabus only adds up to 99, not 100.

Samit moves to vote to approve pending revisions; Linda seconds; all voted to approve.

- (3) Discussion about the updated document prepared regarding FLGI requirement.

The discussion was to have one rather than three foreign language courses be able to fulfill the requirement. Would that motivate students to go and take the course at a community college? This was discussed in Executive Committee. For Global Issues they have to take it at WIU. A suggestion was that they would have to take the FL at WIU as well. The registrar mentioned that this would probably not work, because the GI requirement is not good for transfer students. We can go to the Senate with the proposal without going back to the Executive Committee.

CIE members do not feel that there is evidence that reducing the FL requirement to one semester will drive students to take the FL course at community college.

- (4) Assessment instrument: instructors can use or adapt the assessment instrument developed by CIE two years ago to assess student learning, or develop their own assessment procedures.
- (5) Change in the policy and procedure form. We should all look at this and send it back to Bhavneet.

Linda moves to adjourn the meeting, Richard seconds.