**HSS Curriculum Committee (HSSCC)**

**Minutes 8 March 2016**

**Location: SO 3020**

**Minutes Taker: Polly Howes**

**In attendance:**

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| [x]  Katarina Gephardt (ENGL) | [x]  Christopher Randall (PSYC) | [x]  Matt Mitchelson (GEOG/ANTH) |
| [x]  Kim Haimes-Korn (DWMA) | [x]  Chris Pallas (POLS/IA) –  | [x]  Ryan Ronnenberg (HIST) |
| [x]  Polly Howes (COMM) |  | [x]  Linda Treiber (SOC/CJ), Chair |
| [x]  Chien-pin Li (Dean’s Office) | [x]  Federica Santini (FL) | [x]  Griselda Thomas (ISD) |

Also in attendance as presenters/guests: Buddy Mayo and Carolyn Carlson (Communication), Bill Griffin (representing Foreign Languages in place of Federica Santini)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Treiber at 12:34 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from 23 February 2016 Meeting.**

**The minutes were approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Interdisciplinary Studies-Undergraduate:

1. Religious Studies Minor (Change to Program Name, Requirements or Policies) (second reading)
2. RELS - 2100 - Understanding Religious Studies (New Course) (second reading)
3. RELS - 3100 - (New Course) Ethical Issues in Religion (second reading)
4. RELS - 3200 - (New Course) Religion and Gender (second reading)
5. RELS - 3500 - (New Course) Religion and Popular Culture (second reading)

Linda Treiber said that the Interdisciplinary Studies Department withdrew from today’s agenda items 1-5, above. No action required.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Communication and Media-Graduate and Undergraduate

### COM - 8200 - Communication with Asian Partners (New Course) (first reading) Buddy Mayo explained that this course is the same as ASIA 8200, a course previously approved by the CHSS Curriculum Committee. The course would be an elective in the graduate program and cross-listed with ASIA 8200. (first reading – approved; waive second reading – approved)

### JOUR - 4300 - Topics in Journalism (Change in Existing Course) (first reading) Carolyn Carlson said the change would eliminate one prerequisite, JOUR 3340, Digital Media Production. Given the nature of most course topics (advanced reporting, sports reporting, global reporting), the prerequisite was not necessary. It also was a hard course for students to get into. (first reading – approved; waive second reading – approved)

### Political Science and International Affairs-Undergraduate

### 8. POLS - 4439-Political Economy of Russia and Asia in Transition (Change in Existing Course (first reading) Department decided not to change course name. No action required.

### Psychology-Undergraduate

### 9. PSYC- 2105- Social Issues: Perspectives in Psychology (Course Discontinuation) (first reading) Chris Randall said that the course was being discontinued, as instructed by the University, due to reconfiguration of the General Education program. (first reading – approved; waive second reading – approved)

### OTHER DISCUSSION

### Linda Treiber raised topic of committee policy on dealing with tie votes for later discussion. Chien-pin Li said that departments should identify new CHSS Curriculum Committee representative if current member’s term was ending. Committee will also be selecting a new chair for next academic year. (Thanks, Linda!)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.