

College of Science Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting

Members Present: Geoffrey Birchard, Estela Blaisten (chair), Tim Born, Dan Cox, Robert Ellsworth, Dimitri Klimov, Barry Klinger, Barry Kronenfeld, David Wong (ESGS substitute),

Members Absent: Peter Becker, Rick Diecchio, Rebecca Goldin

Announcements and procedures:

1) There was a lengthy discussion concerning the absentee votes. It was agreed by all members present that absentee votes will be counted, as long as the absent member sends his/her vote in written form to the chair of the committee. Additionally, if a member is going to be absent and the department can provide a substitute, the name of the substitute should be communicated to the chair prior to the meeting.

2) It was agreed that a positive vote of 80% of the committee membership was needed to approve an item of business. A memo to the Executive Council prepared by Geoffrey Birchard requesting a change of the COS Standing Rules to incorporate this point was unanimously voted and signed.

Parts of the College of Science Curriculum Committee Operation and Organization policy were edited. The full version was then unanimously approved as policy for the committee. This document can be found on the COS Curriculum Committee website at: http://www.scs.gmu.edu/~curric/CC_OPERATION.pdf

Old business

The CHSS “Science and Society” minor (Diecchio) Approved contingent to the following:

- a). A joint committee consisting of equal representation from CHSS and COS will approve programs of study.
- b). All programs will include at least one science course beyond the GenEd required courses.
- c). The existing list of sample programs and courses will be deleted until approved by the joint committee.
- d). The COS Curriculum Committee empowers Rick Diecchio to negotiate the revised proposal for the minor with CHSS. The resulting, revised proposal will be submitted to the The COS Curriculum Committee for approval as a joint CHSS/COS minor program.

EOS 121 (gen. ed. submission)

Approved

EOS 600 Approved upon correction to be non repeatable and lecture

EOS 650 (new course) Approved upon supply of course numbers for the prerequisites by Dave Wong

EOS 670 (modification) Approved upon supply of prerequisites by Dave Wong. A correction to be non-repeatable, and modification of a couple of words in the catalog description was already entered in the posted copy.

GEOG 550 (modification)

Approved

New business**Graduate**

Physical Sciences Ph.D. (modification)	Approved
CHEM 796 (new course)	Approved
EVPP 519 (new course)	Approved contingent to obtaining an electronic version of the syllabus Goeff Bichard should supply this document.
EVPP 521 (new course)	Approved
NEUR 603 (modification)	Tabled

Undergraduate

CHEM 355 (new course)	Approved
BIOL 422 (new course)	Tabled
EVPP 419 (new course)	Approved contingent to obtaining an electronic version of the syllabus Goeff Bichard should supply this document.
EVPP 421 (new course)	Approved
EVPP 421 (Gen.Ed. submission)	Approved
<u>Environmental Policy minor</u>	Approved
<u>Change in Foreign Language requirement for BA Students.</u>	Approved

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm