

Curriculum Committee Meeting, September 21, 2009

Members Present: Sergio Quesada, Paul Duncan, Leara Rhodes, Mark Anderson, Silvia Giraudo, Kathleen Schmaltz

1. Doris Kadish began the meeting with the following opening remarks:

- Noel Fallows recognizes that institutes may have trouble staffing non-cross listed courses. As a result, he will be providing floating RTUs to institutes who need them so they can acquire faculty to teach these courses. However, the policy will be limited to faculty within Franklin College.
- Sergio Quesada will develop the LACS introductory course that the committee recommended last year, and he will teach it next year. The RTUs provided by Noel Fallows will allow other faculty members in the Franklin College to teach the course in the future if they are interested.
- It is important for the curriculum committee to begin developing a graduate certificate program. Part of UGA's mission is to develop new graduate programs and this would be a first step for LACSI in that direction. Any graduate program that LACSI develops will not compete with existing programs, rather it would complement other programs.
- Another task that the committee is charged with is developing and implementing some kind of assessment of the learning outcomes that were developed last year. It is important for LACSI to begin collecting data on these learning outcomes to comply with state legislation.

2. The committee reviewed the course description and syllabus for SPCM3829, Interracial Communication submitted by Dr. Harris for inclusion in the LACS track. Members would like more information about the Latin American content in the course before approving its inclusion. Kathleen will invite Dr. Harris to our next meeting to answer questions about the topics, readings and activities conducted in the course.

3. At Robert Moser's request, Kathleen proposed approving PTSP3010 for inclusion in the LACS curriculum as part of the track. However, Mark Anderson informed the committee that the course number for this course is being changed to 2550 making it ineligible for the track. Once the number has changed the committee can consider including the course in Area VI.

4. The need for a non-cross listed service learning course was discussed and it was agreed LACSI should develop such a course. Kathleen will develop the course based on existing models and bring it back to the committee for suggestions and approval.

5. Sample graduate certificate programs from other institutions were distributed. Committee members agreed to review these programs before our next meeting so that we can discuss options for such a program at UGA.

6. The next meeting was tentatively set for October 14th at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Schmaltz